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SANDS OF TIME RUN OUT FOR PORTHCAWL'S 'TARMAC BEACH'

Green light for £3 million upgrade of sea defences

AGEING sea defences at Porthcawl's town beach are set for a £3 million refurbishment, following news that the Welsh Government has approved a funding bid from Bridgend County Borough Council.

The work will establish a new terraced design with a sand-coloured surface, and will ensure that 260 seafront properties and businesses worth millions of pounds, including the historic Grand Pavilion, will continue to be protected from flooding and coastal erosion.

Known locally as the 'tarmac beach', the current sea defences were constructed in 1984 to combat repeated incidents of flooding throughout the seafront area and in John Street.

When an inspection found that the defences were deteriorating and in need of urgent replacement, the council approached the Welsh Government, who agreed to cover £2.3m of the overall cost, with the authority making up the remaining £700,000.

Coun Richard Young, cabinet member for communities, said: "This significant investment from the Welsh Assembly is excellent news for Porthcawl, and will enable Bridgend County Borough Council to continue to protect the town centre and seafront area while also offering a more visually pleasing 'terraced' design for the sea defences themselves.

"Over the years, the 'tarmac beach' has been highly effective in preventing flooding on the scale that older residents may still recall. Now that it is nearing the end of its natural life, it needs to be replaced, but updating it will be an extremely challenging and time-consuming feat of coastal engineering.

"This ambitious, year-long project will need to take account of issues such as unpredictable weather patterns and changing maritime conditions, but it will be more than worth the effort.

"When it is finished, residents can expect to see an all-new sand-coloured surface that slopes gently towards a series of narrow terraces leading down to the water's edge.

"As well as being far easier on the eye, the new defences have been specially designed to provide effective protection against flooding and erosion."

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When Curtis met his hero... Gareth Bale!

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ONE Welsh youngster enjoyed the thrill of a lifetime last week – when he met his football hero, Gareth Bale.

Twelve-year-old Curtis, who plays for Brackla under-13s, was at the Vale Resort to watch a Wales training session.

The visit had been arranged by the charity 'Follow Your Dreams' as a special treat for Curtis who has high-functioning autism.

There was a lot of excited chatter among the specially invited guests when the Welsh players arrived for the training session.

As Mr Bale went onto the pitch he said to Curtis: "Are you okay?"

After training, Mr Bale began signing autographs.

Curtis could scarcely believe what he was seeing and asked his hero: *"Are you actually Gareth Bale?"*, only for Mr Bale to joke: *"No, I'm fake!"*

Curtis then asked whether he could have a picture taken with the great man who obliged and said: *"Do you want my top?"*

The exchange received over 21,000 likes on Twitter.

Curtis then wisely asked Mr Bale to sign the coveted top.

Curtis's grandmother Sylvia said: "It was lovely for Curtis – we have been amazed by the response. It was an 'invitation only' event and Follow Your Dreams was able to make it happen."

Just days later, Wales beat Austria 1–0, and on Tuesday, Wales beat Moldova 2-0 to keep their World Cup dreams alive.

Curtis meets his Welsh football hero, Gareth Bale.

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Ryan Wood and Beverley Humphreys.

Bridgend Male Choir limbers up for concert

TABERNACLE Welsh Congregational Church, Derwen Street, Bridgend is the venue for Bridgend Male Choir's annual concert on Friday, October 6.

Last year's concert was newly-appointed MD, Ryan Wood's first 'annual' and what a concert it was – with the packed audience showing its warm appreciation of a varied programme that extended from arrangements of traditional Welsh airs and hymns to Gounod and Verdi.

This year's concert will be no different, with the choir delivering an inspirational programme to an expected full house.

It will be good value as the compere for the evening will be the well known Beverley Humphreys, who has a portfolio career as broadcaster, writer, singer, and speaker – both entertaining and inspirational, along with guest soprano Charlotte Vaughan who is currently starring in *Phantom of the Opera* in the West End.

Tickets (£8) are available from Porter Estate Agents, Nolton Street, Bridgend or from the choir secretary Gareth Reese (07773 170373); it should be noted that there will be no tickets available on the night.

On October 24 the choir embarks on its annual tour, this time to Palma where it will undertake three concerts at Palma Nova, Santa Ponsa and the world famous Cathedral of Santa Maria of Palma, in support of various charities. **Martin Cadogan**

Opticians' staff collect 1,000 specs for Africa's needy

From left: Specsavers staff Christina Verallo, Craig Phillips, Clare Eagle and Sophia Rossetti.

STAFF at an opticians in Bridgend have collected more than 1,000 pairs of glasses for an eyecare charity that supports people living in Africa's poorest nations.

Specsavers donated the frames to Vision Aid Overseas (VAO), a charity that has supported children and adults in Africa for more than 30 years by making eyecare accessible.

"VAO is a charity that we are so proud to support," said store director, Ann Simpkin. "It's easy to take for granted the eyecare services that are readily available to us, and that's why we are passionate about collecting unwanted glasses so that we can do our bit for those who are not as fortunate as us.

"The glasses are recycled for their metal content which generates income for the charity to support its invaluable work in building vision centres, training eyecare workers and delivering services in remote communities.

"The support we receive from our customers for VAO is fantastic, as this last donation of more than 1,000 frames shows."

The charity is part of the Vision 2020 initiative to eliminate avoidable blindness by 2020.

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Fundraising for KPC group

FOLLOWING on from the fantastic Big Give Christmas Challenge 2016, KPC Youth and Community have signed up again for 2017, and are seeking generous donors to pledge a minimum of £100 to go through to the next round.

KPC hope to raise £3,000 from pledges before September 8. Anyone wishing to make a pledge, can visit http://secure.thebiggive.org.uk/pledge/kpcyouthcommunity

In addition, Ceri Davies of KPC will be doing a skydive to help raise a target of £500 for the group in Swansea on September 23. To support Ceri, see https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ceri-davies.

KPC Youth and Community can be found at Pyle Inn Way, Pyle, Bridgend, CF33 6AB and can be contacted via email at kpcyouth@hotmail.com or by calling 01656 749219.

Lottery cash available

STAFF from the Big Lottery Fund are offering one-to-one appointments to local voluntary groups and organisations to discuss funding opportunities at Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) from 9.30am – 3pm on October 25 at their office in Maesteg

The 30-minute meetings are available by appointment only.

Every year, the Big Lottery Fund distributes millions of pounds of National Lottery funding to good causes in the community.

It can also fund capital or revenue projects and has two grants available: Awards for All Wales, which distributes grants from £300 to £10,000 and People and Places, which distributes grants from £10,001 to £500,000 for projects lasting up to five years.

Check the eligibility of your project on the Big Lottery Fund website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk before making an appointment on 01656 810400, or bavo@bavo.org.uk by October 13.

BRIDGEND RAMBLERS SMASH THEIR TARGET

AT the end of July, Bridgend Ramblers set themselves a challenge of collectively walking more than 2,000 miles during the month of August.

At the final tally, not only did they beat the target, but amassed a total of 3,548 miles.

The achievement was a real team effort, with a total of 123 walkers contributing. They all took part in at least one of the 18 programmed walks during the month, but some also contributed by registering walks taken on holiday, checking out future walks for the programme, or just out for a stroll.

Five of the walkers managed over 100 miles in total, with the greatest contribution from Carolyn and George Evans, who walked 150 miles each. Their total was achieved not only by taking part in the group's longer walks, but also on a walking holiday in north Wales and numerous local strolls.

A number of the walkers clocked up significant mileage without needing to walk very long distances, by just getting out on a daily basis.

The total surpassed the group's expectations and underlines the strength of commitment to walking within the group.

If anyone is motivated to take up walking as a pastime, they are welcome to come along to one of the walks. The group offers three or four freebies for people to decide whether they wish to join and here are a variety of walks from gentle strolls, to challenging hill walking.

See www.bridgendramblers.co.uk for details. AM

Councillor's surgery

NEWCASTLE ward borough and town councillor, Carolyn Webster, is holding a surgery on Saturday, September 9.

Any residents that would like to raise matters are invited to attend Bridgend Library at Halo Life Centre, Angel Street, Bridgend, between 10am and 12 midday.

No appointment is necessary.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 14)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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09 Sat	09.12	10.1	21.29	10.1
10 Sun	09.49	10.0	22.11	9.8
11 Mon	10.28	9.7	22.51	9.6
12 Tues	11.13	9.2	23.41	9.0
13 Wed	11.59	8.6		
14 Thur	00.24	8.4	13.14	8.2

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Eight-month sentence for Bridgend blackmailer

CARDIFF CROWN COURT
Report by **AJ SICLUNA**

A blackmailer has been sentenced to eight months in a young offender institution.

Callum Wootton (20) demanded £700 from a man with whom he had contact via the internet.

He also sent him a number of text messages of "a menacing nature", said prosecutor Rosamund Rutter at Cardiff Crown Court.

Wootton, of Ynysawdre, Bridgend, admitted a single charge of blackmail.

Judge Eleri Rees said that for about 24 hours, Wootton had made threats to his victim, indicating "I'm going to ruin your life now."

For a short period, she said, the victim had been brave enough to contact the police.

The offence had instilled terror and fear into the victim.

"For an offence of this nature, there is only once sentence," she said.

Ms Rutter said the two met in June, when the victim said he wished to terminate the friendship.

"That's when the problems began," she said.

Wootton sent him a number of text messages of a menacing nature and said he wanted £700.

Wootton was arrested and admitted making threats "to scare the victim".

In a statement, the victim said he had experienced a very frightening time and for a period, didn't see any way out.

"I think about it all the time," he stated.

Wootton was said to have previous convictions of aggravated vehicle taking and failing to stop after an accident.

His counsel, Hash Salman, said he accepted a number of material facts, but was still a young man and had a level of immaturity.

Mr Salman produced a number of testimonials, which pointed out that Wootton was intelligent, despite acting with such stupidity.

He said at the time, he was particularly vulnerable with a degree of depression from personal issues.

"He looks back on it with a great deal of shame," said Mr Salman.

A restraining order was made preventing Wootton from contacting the victim.

'Tarmac Beach' refurb on way

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Coun Young added: "Every effort will be made to minimise inconvenience while the work is under way, and the project will also deliver additional benefits, including new jobs and training opportunities, as well as supporting local businesses.

"The contract for the work is currently being finalised, and I am looking forward to being able to reveal more details of the scheme and how it will be introduced very soon."

Cabinet Secretary for environment and rural affairs Lesley Griffiths, said: "I am pleased to be able to provide this vital funding to strengthen sea defences in Porthcawl, which will provide reassurance to those who live and work in, or visit this popular tourist destination.

"We have invested unprecedented levels of funding in recent years and over the lifetime of this Government, we will be investing over £144 million capital funding in flood and coastal erosion risk management schemes around Wales."

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NEXT ROLL OF BLUE BIN BAGS COMING

BRIDGEND county borough residents will start receiving their next roll of blue bin bags next week.

Deliveries of the bags are scheduled to take place between September 11 and the end of the month, with households being given a supply to last them six months.

A spokesperson said: "This next roll of blue bin bags will take residents through to March, by which time it will become 'even more second nature' to recycle as much as possible, and only throw out the leftover bits and bobs.

"The website *www.recycleforbridgend.wales* contains full details on what can and cannot be recycled.

"It's worth noting what plastics and metals can go in your blue recycling sack, and which should go in your rubbish bags instead.

"For example, yoghurt tubs, plastic bottles, tin foil, food tins and drink cans can all be recycled, but crisp packets, chocolate wrappers, sweet wrappers, plastic bags, cling film and black plastic are among the materials that cannot be recycled."

The council's new recycling arrangements mean that homes with up to five residents are limited to putting out a maximum of two rubbish bags every fortnight, while larger households can request extra bags, which are a darker shade of blue.

A new fortnightly collection using purple bags is also available for nappies and, controversially, other absorbent hygiene products (not sanitary products), which is made on the same day as refuse collections.

For more information, email recyclingand waste@bridgend.gov.uk or call 01656 643643.

Porthcawl Floral Arrangement Society

THE next meeting of the floral society takes place at Awel-y-Mor on Wednesday, September 13, at 7.30pm.

This will be the enrolment evening, with flower demonstration by national demonstrator Coral Gardiner, with 'Put Your Garden On a Pedestal.'

New members warmly welcomed. Doors open at 6.30pm.

Rotary Club of Bridgend inducts first 'associate member'

AT its meeting on September 4, the Rotary Club of Bridgend inducted Jackie Thomas as its first 'associate member'.

In a ceremony conducted by past president and chair of the membership committee Alan Reeks, Mrs Thomas, the local Sainsbury's store 'PR ambassador', was welcomed into the club as an associate member representing her workplace.

Mrs Thomas was elected to associate membership as, said a spokesperson, "members believe she is a worthy representative and possesses qualities that will allow her to exemplify the true spirit of Rotary in her public, business, social and private life – and because the club believes she will uphold its principles.

Mrs Thomas was formally admitted into the club by president Wayne Morgan.

He said: "An object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service."

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Porthcawl Rotary Club looks back on very busy 12 months

Jayne James gets her blood pressure checked.

A trip on a coracle on the 'Kids Out' day.

IN last week's GEM, Denzil Gould, of Porthcawl Rotary Club gave readers a glimpse of some of the activities that the club organises. He continues his review in this week's article.

IN part one, we highlighted the programmes we run for young people in the area.

We now move on to cover the work that we do in the community.

We are a local club with local affiliations and we are committed to 'Doing Good' and supporting our local institutions and people.

ECUMENICAL SERVICES

Each fortnight, we conduct services at two of our local rest homes. These services give residents the chance to take part in and enjoy a Christian service with soloists, hymn singing, a lesson and prayers.

We owe thanks to members of the local clergy, lay ministers and our own members for making it possible for these services to take place.

KNOW YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE DAY

In association with the Stroke Association, we run a 'Know Your Blood Pressure Day' day at Trinity church each May.

Although most people who come to have their BP taken are OK, some have been advised to make early appointments to see their own doctors, thus proving how valuable this service is to the community.

Bridgend MP Madeleine Moon, First Minister Carwyn Jones and Porthcawl Town Mayors all support the venture.

AFTERNOON TEA

An afternoon tea for the elderly is held every year around August in All Saints Church. Last year, we entertained residents from Picton Court, Monkstone House, and Pinehurst.

BINGO AND SINGALONG

The club also organises regular bingo and singalong sessions at Picton Court and Monkstone House

'KIDS OUT'

Each year, three of the local Rotary Clubs (Porthcawl, Bridgend and Maesteg) combine to take around 120 children for a day out.

Last year, the destination was the National Heritage Centre on the Gower.

The children are accompanied by staff from their school, together with Rotarians from each club.

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had the chance to have fun, learn about Welsh history, have an exciting trip in a coracle, and try their hand at some clay modelling.

WELSH DISABLED SPORTS

Disability Athletics in Wales is a sport that provides an exciting range of opportunities for disabled people with a mixture of events and sports classes for everyone to enjoy, develop and learn new skills – whether participating, volunteering, or coaching.

We in the Rotary Club of Porthcawl are proud to be doing our bit to support Welsh Disabled Sports (WDS).

In our next report, we will outline how we go about collecting funds to allocate to good causes and identify some of the organisations that we have helped most recently.

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The then Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Rob Lee and Mayoress Anne were there to see First Minister Carwyn Jones (on left) have his blood pressure checked.

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Wick pensioners are keeping busy

WICK & District Pensioners Club has had a busy spring and summer – with visits to Carmarthen, the Royal Mint, Gloucester railway, and the Brecon canal.

Club meetings have also been busy, with a programme of speakers, musical entertainment, birthdays, and celebrating members' achievements.

The club is now looking forward to autumn, with speakers on growing strawberries, First World War medals, willow weaving, Dyffryn, musical entertainment, and trips to Weston-super-Mare, Wells, Carmarthen, steam railway, and Hereford.

Members will also spend a few days in Jersey in October. There will be a Christmas party and a birthday celebration, and later a Christmas lunch in Porthcawl.

The club meets on Wednesdays from 2pm – 4pm and new members are always welcome. For more information, contact George 01656 890386.

Chefs sought for a street market

BUDDING chefs are invited to help cook up some treats at Bridgend town centre's next monthly street market.

The market on Saturday, September 16 (from 10am – 4pm) will feature a cooking demonstration kitchen, and Bridgend County Borough Council is looking for keen amateur chefs who would like to "demonstrate making something tasty".

To get involved contact Rhiannon Kingsley, by calling 01656 815225 or emailing rhiannon.kingsley@bridgend.gov.uk.

The street market will also see around 20 market chalets line Caroline Street, selling food, hand-made crafts and unique products.

Mal and his mobility scooter had to negotiate rough terrain on the ascent to the summit.

Mal scooters up Pen y Fan – to raise £5,000 for Velindre

ABOVE: Mal Witts (left) presents the cheque to Fraser Robinson of Velindre.

A Brynna man has raised more than £5,000 for Velindre Hospital – by riding his mobility scooter up Pen y Fan!

Malcolm Witts, who is fighting cancer, took on the challenge in the Brecon Beacons in June.

With the help of many sponsors and friends, he raised £5,111.30 and is pictured above, presenting the cheque to Fraser Robinson for the Velindre appeal at the Whitehills public house in Mal's home town.

The pub put on a barbecue to celebrate Mal's achievement.

For the ascent of Pen y Fan, he was accompanied by a number of friends and supporters.

Geoff Caldwell, a friend of Mal, said: "This is the second time Mal has carried out this challenge, having raised over £4,500 for the same cause last year!

"We all applaud Mal on his courage and wish him well for next year."

Quality accolade for the Porthcawl Primary School

A NATIONAL accolade for quality has been awarded to Porthcawl Primary School in Bridgend for its work in developing its pupils' learning, behaviour, well-being and self-esteem.

The Quality Lead Award has been developed by leading education charity Achievement for All (AfA), and recognises the impressive work being done by the school to improve progress in reading, writing and maths for all pupils.

Achievement for All offers support programmes to schools and settings to help them improve outcomes. Porthcawl Primary has been working in partnership with the charity for the last three years and has seen a marked improvement in many aspects, including working with parents and carers on children's targets as part of the AfA framework.

Headteacher Andrew Wood stated: "Working to support pupils as part of the AfA programme has been an invaluable experience and has had a significant impact on the school and its progress.

"I am especially grateful for the support given by Lindsay Harvey, education director and Susan Roberts, school improvement manager, for their support and our AfA school coach Pam Counsell for her substantial contribution."

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BRIDGEND QUIZ LEAGUE TEASERS

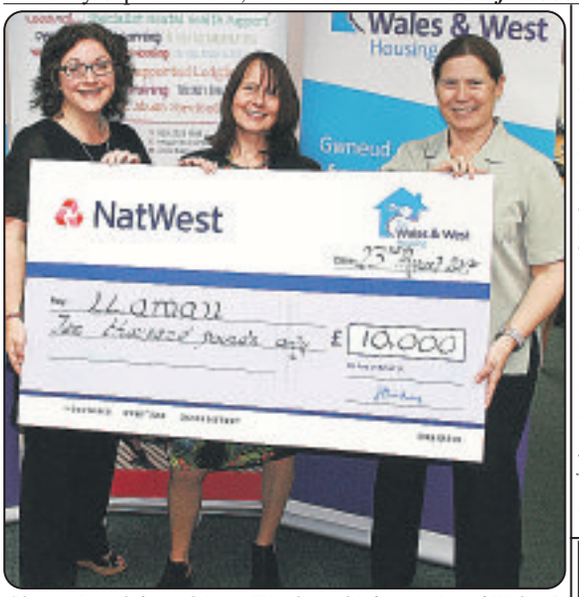
THIS week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League are:

1. In Rugby Union, which international team name was first used in 1924?

2. Liechtenstein is world famous as the leading supplier of which medical commodity?

3. Whose national anthem is 'The Soldier's Song'?

ANSWERS:
1. The British Lions.
2. False teeth.
3. Republic of Ireland



Sharon Lee (left) and Anne Hinchey, chief executive of Wales & West Housing (right) present a cheque for £10,000 to Frances Beecher (centre).

Llamau receives £10,000 cheque to help homeless

WALES & West Housing has donated £10,000 to help homeless young people and victims of domestic abuse in Bridgend and the Vale.

The Board of WWH chose to make its annual donation to Llamau, one of Wales' leading homelessness charities.

A spokesperson said: "Llamau believes that no young person or vulnerable woman should ever have to be homeless. Llamau works across Wales to prevent homelessness and provide safe accommodation and support people to leave homelessness behind for good."

In Bridgend, Llamau runs 24-hour supported housing schemes for young people alongside its Learning 4 Life centre, which trains young people with the basic skills many of us take for granted to help them live independently and secure jobs.

It also has a family mediation service to help young people rebuild connections with their families to return home.

The charity works across the Vale, running a 24-hour supported housing scheme for young people alongside a Learning 4 Life centre; it also runs a family mediation service and a housing advice centre on Holton Road in Barry.

Sharon Lee, chair of WWH said: "The organisation and its staff demonstrate commitment that goes over and above in the way they assist both young people and women fleeing domestic abuse.

"We are happy to support Llamau as we share a vision to make a difference to people's lives and communities in Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan."

Bridgend Town Twinning news

BRIDGEND Town Twinning Association is now an independent organisation linked with several European countries.

This month, a delegation representing the Bridgend group will be visiting the town of Hechtel-Eksel in Belgium, through a Hand of Friendship link.

While there, the delegates will be attending a ceremony commemorating the Battle of Hechtel which liberated the town during the Second World War with the help of the Welsh Guards.

Also during their stay, there will be an event called 'Living Landscapes' where the town is endeavouring to save their natural heritage for future generations.

At the end of October Cor Bro Ogwr will be visiting Langenau, our twin town in Germany. This visit takes the form of a concert tour and a delegation from the Bridgend Town Twinning Association will also travel with the choir.

May 2018 sees the return of Chorale du Lac, the choir from our twin town of Villenave d'Ornon, who will be performing in a joint concert with Cor Tabernacl. Details of this visit and concert will be publicised nearer the time.

Our association is always looking for new members with new ideas, who are interested in the cultures of other countries. If you are interested in joining us, contact our secretary Mrs Madeleine Walters on 02920 892011, or visit our website, bridgendtowntwinning.co.uk to find out more about our meetings and activities. **Adrian Kendall.**

Cowbridge Choral Society

THE society resumes rehearsals this Thursday (September 7) after the summer break. They will be working on Verdi's Requiem ready for a performance with Pontypridd Choral Society in October, as well as starting new material for the annual Christmas concert.

This is a good opportunity for anyone who is interested to join the Choral Society to start at the beginning of some new work, and experience is not essential. Rehearsals take place at the United Free Church, Westgate (opposite the Police Station) at 7.30pm on Thursdays.

Maendy YFC elects its officers team

MAENDY Young Farmers Club recently held its annual general meeting, when officers were elected for the forthcoming club year 2017-18.

Lynn Price remains as president and Kate Thomas is our newly-appointed chairman. It is a family affair, with brother Jack Thomas as our new competitions secretary and also vice-chairman of the club.

Lauren David will keep check of the meetings as minute secretary and Tom Rees will be looking after the finances as treasurer of the club.

Finally, keeping you all up to date with the exciting year ahead for Maendy YFC, is press and publicity officer Louise Evans.

If you would like further information, you can email maendy.yfc@gmail.com or follow us on Twitter and Instagram @MaendyYFC and the Maendy YFC Facebook group.

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From left: Jack and Kate Thomas and Lauren David.

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The 'Keepers of Bryngarw' trail opens at country park

The latest 'Keeper of Bryngarw'.

BRYNGARW Country Park has expanded its 'Keepers of Bryngarw' trail and improved accessibility for those with limited mobility, thanks to funding from Tesco's Bags of Help carrier bag tax scheme.

Tesco's funding scheme – which is run in conjunction with charity Groundwork – awards grants raised from the carrier bag tax to community projects up and down the UK.

Following a vote by local shoppers to determine which Bridgend causes should receive a grant, Bryngarw Country Park, which is managed by Awen Cultural Trust, has expanded the trail into its orchard and woodland garden – an area accessible to those with limited mobility.

'Keepers of Bryngarw' is a scheme that uses sculpture, music and themes from Welsh mythology to bring the story of Bryngarw's wildlife and landscape to life.

Visitors can journey through the park learning about its history by finding the oak sculptures.

Funding has allowed the park to commission Wood Art Works to craft two new sculptures and themed benches. It has also enabled Wood-B – a work-based project for adults with disabilities, which uses carpentry as the basis for the training – to improve the entrances to the Orchard and Woodland Garden.

Bryngarw Park volunteer group secretary, Leigh Forman, said: "Since the project was completed, we've had wonderful feedback.

"Families, history fans and nature lovers have told us how interesting and engaging the 'keepers' are.

"It's very different – a real break from the usual screens and computers that often keep youngsters distracted. We're thrilled we've been able to extend it into a new area of the park.

"It means a lot to us and our visitors that the Woodland Garden is accessible. The park is beautiful and with over 100 acres to explore it has something for everyone.

"We're delighted that those with mobility issues can access this area of the park easily."

The team at Bryngarw Country Park.

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Getting to know you at Maendy YFC

MAENDY YFC is inviting prospective new members, along with current and past members, to the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge on Wednesday, September 6 at 7.30pm – for an evening of games and ice-breaker challenges.

The club encourages any young people aged 10- 26, to get the most out of YFC through competitions, developing new skills, gaining invaluable training, helping the local community, and "making friends for life."

There will be an opportunity to meet new people with similar interests, learn what YFC is all about, and discover what the forthcoming year has in store at Maendy YFC.

For further information, you can email maendy.yfc@gmail.com or follow on Twitter and Instagram @MaendyYFC and the Maendy YFC Facebook group.

PORTHCAWL AT WAR... September 1917

Bombing raids at home – and more sad news from the front

Evan Austin and Ruth Davies's wedding

Fenton Place, Porthcawl.

The Bedford Hotel bombing

ON September 2, in response to daylight raids over the east coast being curtailed by improved British Air Defence strategies, the German Gotha GIV bombers changed to moonlight raids, with London suffering two more such raids before the end of the month.

The raid of September 24 resulted in a bomb falling outside the Bedford Hotel, where boxer Jimmy Wilde was staying at the time. Prior to the war, Wilde had been the British Flyweight Champion from February 1916–April 1918, yet it was for his bouts with local boxer, Billy Rowlands, that he is best remembered in Porthcawl.

On that night in London, however, he recounts that he had 'a very narrow escape' (Glamorgan Gazette, September 28, 1917)

Wilde recalls that he was standing at the door of the hotel when a bomb fell on the road outside and blew him down the passageway. He emerged unscathed, but the man next to him was severely injured and two women lost their lives. In fact, 13 people were killed and 22 injured when the 112lb bomb hit the road.

As a result of these moonlight bombing raids, the streetlights in central London were turned off. Conversely, Porthcawl Town Council agreed to allow town lights to show a partial light to help pedestrians find their way around. Obviously, the threat from the air was much less, yet London would not see cessation of the raids until May 1918, after a 5-mile long (82 km) balloon barrage had been established around the city.

Apart from the grave news from the Ypres Front, the main topic of conversation in the town was the price of food and fuel. The Local Food Control Committee had dropped the price of milk from 6d a quart to 5d, which angered the milk vendors, as they pleaded for clemency due to the price of feeding the cattle and the insufficiency of grass – a consequence of allotment monopoly.

Butchers, too, were dismayed at the fixed price of meat, whereas coal merchants were anxious at how any proposed pricing would affect them. Moreover, confusion was rife as to the filling in of the newly- distributed application forms for both personal sugar rations and sugar retail, to such an extent that an appeal was made for a clerical assistant to aid the public in filling them in correctly – as incomplete forms "*greatly retards the work of the executive officer*" (Porthcawl News, September 27, 1917).

The forms had to be submitted by October 6. Persons intending to sell potatoes were also required to fill in the appropriate registration form, stating whether the potatoes were raw or cooked.

Yet amidst this anxiety, news from the front soon put it all into perspective. The town lost three more men at The Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele), during September.

September 1, 1917 was the official date given for the death of 2nd Lieutenant **Rhys Trevor Evans**, 4th Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, who had been killed in action. The date may possibly be arbitrary, as 2nd Lt Evans's body was never recovered and is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial.

One of six children, Rhys was born in Tonypandy on April 27, 1896, to Thomas and Mary Anne Evans. Tom's job as a colliery manager took the family to Abertillery, from where Rhys applied to work, and was accepted, by the Midland Bank at their branch in Hereford on February 10, 1913.

He was there for only a year, as on September 14, 1914, at the age of 18, he enlisted as an acting Corporal into the 2nd Battalion, Herefordshire Regiment.

In December 1916, while serving in France, Rhys obtained a commission in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. At the time of his death, his mother Mary, originally from Kenfig Hill and a widow, had moved to 54 Suffolk Place. Although not named on the town memorial, Rhys is remembered on the Midland Bank Roll of Honour 1914-1920.

Another Porthcawlian, 2nd Lieutenant **William James Williams**, serving with 16th Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, was killed on September 19, 1917, near Pilkem Ridge – the only officer, along with 11 other ranks, to be killed following a night of German shelling.

A month earlier, on the first day of the Passchendaele Campaign, William had been awarded the Military Cross. The London Gazette of January 8, 1918 read: "*On July 31, he took command of his company, and immediately his Company Officer was wounded, shortly after the commencement of the action. He rallied his men, kept them well in hand under heavy fire, and showed a splendid example of steadiness to his men throughout.*"

William had been born at 10 Osborn Place, Nantymoel, to William and Jane Williams on November 26, 1895. Although initially a coal miner, by 1906 his father William, had gone to South Africa to work as a gold mine captain in the Transvaal, where he earned the money that would send young William to Llandovery College.

By the time William was about 10 years old, his parents had bought and moved into 'Yeoville,' 17 Esplanade Avenue, Porthcawl, where his father died on December 24, 1914.

After leaving school, William worked as a clerk for the Glamorgan County Council in Cardiff, and by December 29, 1915, he had moved to a similar position in London, where he joined the 28th London Regiment, Artistes Rifles.

A year later on December 19, 1916, William had applied and been granted a commission with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, with whom he was posted to the Western Front on January 15, 1917: 2nd Lieutenant Williams was 21 years old at the time of his death and is buried in Erquinghem Churchyard, Erquinghem, Lys, Belgium.

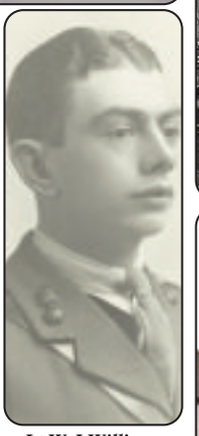
Jane, William's mother, transformed 'Yeoville' into a guesthouse for some years after the war, but in the 1930s, went to live with her sister, Ruth Austin in Hookland Road, where she died in 1961 aged 89 years old.

Ruth's husband, Evan Idris Austin, who had owned an ironmongers in Porthcawl had also distinguished himself in the war, serving with the Royal Army Service Corps. Evan died on October 9, 1937.

"Great sympathy is felt with Mrs Evans of Chesterfield House, 6 Fenton Place and her two young children upon the death of her husband, Gunner **Arthur Evans**, of the Royal Field Artillery, who died of his wounds, in France, on the 25th of last month." (Porthcawl News, October 4, 1917).

This was how the report of Arthur's death was conveyed to the town, yet Gunner Evans had actually died of his wounds on September 25 at the Battle of The Menin Road Bridge, in Belgium.

Arthur's late father, David Evans, had been the pastor at Hope Congregational Chapel, Newton Nottage Road, since 1887, and, as a consequence, Arthur's death amidst the congregation was keenly felt. Arthur had been born one of four children in 1889 to David and Hannah Evans, in Hookland Road, Porthcawl.



Lt W J Williams

On leaving school, Arthur had been apprenticed, as a baker's assistant, to Henry Beech Comley, John Street, Porthcawl. By 1911, Arthur had married Annie; Horace his son had been born, and he had established himself as a baker in Aberavon.

When war broke out, he enlisted and saw service with the Royal Field Artillery in Dublin during the Easter Rising in 1916, before being posted to the Western Front in March 1917. Gunner Arthur Evans is buried in Dozinghem Military Cemetery.

Fortunately, the month ended with some pleasing news, albeit frivolous when compared to the war, but at the Glamorgan Volunteer Training Corps Camp held at Porthcawl, where the various companies vied for supremacy at musketry, bombing, drilling and presenting equipment, Porthcawl won the award for the best bugle team.

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Hope Chapel.

The grave of Lt W J Williams

WELCOME TO ROTARY 'SERVICE ABOVE SELF'

PART 3

Previously we highlighted the programmes we run for our young people in the area and the work that we do in the Community. this week, we will cover how we go about collecting funds to allocate to good causes.

Christmas Carolcade

OUR Christmas Carolcade is still going strong after so many years. On four evenings just before Christmas time, we visit much of Porthcawl with our musical sleigh accompanied, of course, by Mother and Father Christmas laden with sweets for the kids.

It is wonderful to see the children's faces when they meet Santa and Mrs Claus.

Christmas Tree Festival

EACH December, we run a Christmas tree festival at All Saints' Church in Porthcawl. The church is bedecked with Christmas trees from up to 70 organisations who operate within the Porthcawl area. Each organisation supplies and decorates their own tree.

The result is quite spectacular and attracts viewers from all around. We also organise entertainment on three of the evenings.

The prime aim of the festival is to benefit the community and allow us all to come together to celebrate Christmas.

Street collections

COME rain, snow or shine, on three Saturdays in December, the club holds collections in John Street. Our Christmas sleigh is on display and Christmas carols are played throughout the events.

On the last day, Father and Mother Christmas are in attendance. A big thank you goes to the people of Porthcawl who are so very generous at these times, allowing us to raise much needed funds for our charitable causes.

Rotary Post

FOR the last two years, the Rotary Club of Porthcawl has been running a Rotary Post for the benefit of the people living in postcode area CF36. The club sells specially printed unique postage stamps at several outlets in Porthcawl.

The stamps are much cheaper than the Royal Mail prices. The stamped cards are then left at the same outlets. We then collect, sort and deliver the stamped Christmas cards.

Our thanks go to the local shops that have kindly helped by selling our special stamps and keeping the Rotary Post boxes in their establishments.

Next time we will cover how Rotary allocate the funds that we raise.

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St John Wales launches 'Save a Life September' campaign

ST JOHN Cymru Wales has launched its 'Save a Life September' campaign – aiming to train an extra 5,000 potential lifesavers.

Every September, the nation's leading first aid charity offers free two-hour training sessions across Wales to teach people simple techniques that could help to save someone's life.

They cover the following scenarios to give people the knowledge and confidence to deal with an emergency situation: how to perform CPR; what to do if someone is choking; how to treat severe bleeding; how to put someone in the recovery position.

The following sessions will be held in Bridgend:

September 9, from 10am to 12pm; September 12, from 7pm to 9pm; September 19, from 7pm to 9pm.

All courses will be held at the St John Hall, Minerva Street, Bridgend (CF31 1TD).

Chief executive for St John Cymru Wales, Keith Dunn, said: "St John Cymru Wales' vision is to have a first aider in every home in Wales. As the nation's leading first aid charity, St John Cymru Wales believes that nobody should die because they needed first aid and didn't get it.

"Every year, thousands of people die in situations where first aid could have given them a chance to live. St John Cymru Wales teaches people first aid so that they can be the difference between a life lost and a life saved.

"Last year, we trained an extra 3,000 people in first aid skills as part of our 'Save a Life September' campaign and this year we want to create an extra 5,000 lifesavers."

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Pitch perfect

THE weekend of final bank holiday before Christmas saw crowds flock to Llantwit Major Rugby Club for its 'Party on the Pitch' on August 27.

Under azure skies and temperatures better befitting the Balearics, a great time was had by all. More photographs next week.

Ian Ball (Ianto) and Matthew Mazzitelli (Mazz) with Rhys Webb (centre). Photo by Rhian Grapes.

Photos by Andy Wicks. Telephone 07855 374478.

ARREST MADE AFTER SERIOUS ASSAULT IN MAESTEG

DETECTIVES investigating a serious assault that occurred outside Maesteg Community Hospital, Neath Road on Wednesday, August 30 made an arrest.

Police said on September 1 that a 44 year-old man from the Llanharry area was taken to Queens Road police station, Bridgend, where he was questioned on suspicion of assault.

A 24 year-old local man was admitted to the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend before being transferred to University Hospital Wales, Cardiff where remains in a serious condition.

Anyone who may have witnessed the incident or who has any information which will assist officers in this investigation is asked to contact South wales Police on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 quoting reference 1700339264.

Officer in line to take over as the new Chief Constable

Alun Michael, Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales, has announced his intention to appoint Matt Jukes as Chief Constable of South Wales Police from January 1.

The decision is subject to scrutiny by the Police and Crime Panel for South Wales, which will meet on Friday, September 8, to consider the Commissioner's decision and whether to endorse it.

The current Chief Constable, Peter Vaughan, is retiring at the end of December. and the vacancy had been widely advertised.

"It was drawn to the attention of all eligible officers of senior rank, and at the closing date in July, one highly experienced and qualified applicant had emerged," Mr Michael said.

"I am certain and confident that in Matt Jukes we have the right person – an outstanding leader with the integrity, the personality, the intellect, the skills and a strong personal commitment to south Wales and to our people."

Chief Constable Peter Vaughan said: "I am thrilled with the nomination of Matt Jukes as the preferred candidate to become the next Chief Constable of South Wales Police.

"He cares passionately about the communities we serve and the people who make up South Wales Police. I know he will make a positive difference."

Get back on track for a new start!

SEPTEMBER is the perfect time to think about making some changes in your life and perhaps improving your skills and qualifications by enrolling on a course.

A series of Sign Up sessions are taking place across the Vale next week, with the chance to drop in and enrol or find out more about a range of courses in your local area.

The week starts with a Sign Up Saturday event on September 9, from 10am-1pm, at Palmerston Community learning centre. Staff will be on hand with information and advice on the best course for you.

There will be a range of Adult Education opportunities on offer including Vale Courses, Essential Skills, Welsh for Adults, and Get back on Track.

The Vale Council Get Back on Track programme provides a wide variety of courses right across the Vale, in partnership with other providers – including Communities First, Jobcentreplus, and Flying Start. The courses are free to those eligible and a free crèche is provided at some centres.

From September our Digital Skills Courses will give you the chance to work towards the ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence), which is a well recognised national qualification, and available at all levels.

Additional courses in Web Design, Photography and PC Maintenance are also useful for the workplace.

Courses in Hairdressing & Beauty and Childcare & Health and Social Care are an ideal stepping stone to further education and training.

Whether you are looking for employment or volunteering opportunities, there is a range of short Workwise courses in Hospitality, Customer Care, and Health and Safety; while British Sign Language, Communication and Creative Writing will give you the skills you need and enhance your CV. A range of informal learning courses in Upcycling, Crafts, Textiles, Woodwork and Sugarcraft can help you to build your confidence and start thinking about other opportunities

Reading, Writing and Maths are essential skills that help you get on in work and life in general.

If you want to improve your skills, or if you don't have any qualifications, then this is the place to start.

Classes at all levels are available at the Vale Learning Centre, Barry Library and other centres throughout the Vale.

You can start at any time and attend when it suits you, either day or evening.

For more information, drop in to the Sign Up events; pick up a course list from Vale Council buildings or libraries; www.gbotfree.org or call 01446 733762.

Welsh Government: 'Some people still wait too long for Wales NHS treatment'

"SOME people still wait too long for treatment."

That is what a spokesman for the Welsh Government said in response to criticism from Andrew RT Davies AM of waiting times for surgery in Wales NHS.

The criticism followed a Freedom of Information (FoI) request made by the Royal College of Surgeons disclosed that more than 220 patients in Cardiff and the Vale had, by March 2017, waited longer than a year for surgery by the NHS.

The FoI also showed that the number of patients across Wales waiting longer than a year had risen by 400 per cent over the past four years.

Both facts have been described by the Welsh Conservative leader and South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies as "shocking and unacceptable".

Mr Davies said: "It's about time the Welsh Government took action to address this scandal once and for all."

He added that it was "shocking" that there has been such an increase in patients waiting over a year for surgery.

"It is a damning indictment of the Welsh Government's handling of the NHS," he said, adding "This [delay] can have huge implications for patients in terms of their job and livelihood."

However, the spokesman for the Welsh Government – who acknowledged that "some people still wait too long for treatment" – countered the criticism.

He said: "Despite increased demand on the NHS in Wales, the health service is treating more patients, with the vast majority being seen within target times.

"Over the last five years, referrals to hospital-based services have increased by around 20 per cent from 1.07 million in 2012-13 to 1.27 million in 2015/16.

"Increases in individual specialities are even higher, with orthopaedic referrals alone up 22 per cent.

"Despite this, latest figures show over half of patients are waiting less than 10 weeks for treatment, while there has been a 28 per cent reduction in the number waiting over 36 weeks in March 2017 compared with the same period in 2016.

The spokesman said that the acknowledged delay in treating some patients, and said: "That's why we established the planned care programme to help NHS Wales deliver sustainable services."

He added that health boards have action plans in place "to reduce long waits".

"In August," said the spokesman, "Vaughan Gething AM, the Health Secretary, announced an extra £50 million to help the NHS further improve waiting times.

"Mr Gething expects to see performance improve as a result of this extra investment, so that every patient receives timely, high-quality care."

SLIMMERS IN THE PINK!

HUNDREDS of Vale slimmers decorated Cosmeston Lakes Country Park in pink to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

They were taking part in the 'Walk All Over Cancer with Slimming World' campaign in which slimmers from across the UK and Ireland were sponsored by family and friends to hit a self-selected 'steps target'.

The Cosmeston event was co-ordinated by local consultant Martin Woodsford, and those taking part were accompanied by their consultants, family and friends.

As well as raising vital funds for charity, members aimed to raise awareness of the fact that keeping a healthy weight can reduce the risk of developing 13 types of cancer.

One slimmer, Stuart Neil who has lost 6.5 stone, said: "Before I lost the weight, an event like this would have felt completely out of reach.

"I barely had the energy to go about my day, let alone go for a walk and at times I felt trapped inside my body. I would never have thought I could do something like this."

Martin Woodsford said: 'We had brilliant weather conditions for our walk and in true Slimming World-style our members, their friends and families were out in force to support each other.

"They showed just what can be done when we come together – both in terms of achieving something amazing and raising money for a great cause too.

"I'm sure my members will inspire more people to get active and improve their health, while also raising awareness of the links between obesity and cancer.

"The money raised will go towards an amazing cause – one my members feel very passionate about – helping to support Cancer Research UK's life-saving research into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of all cancers."

For more information about Slimming World in the Vale, Martin can be contacted on 07827 445570.

The slimmers had a fantastic day at Cosmeston, raising funds for cancer research.

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The riddle of recurring intestinal problems

The search for the cause of recurring intestinal problems often resembles a guessing game. Those affected repeatedly suffer from annoying bloating, constipation or diarrhoea, flatulence or abdominal pain. Finally research has shown: in many cases the reason is Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS). Fortunately, there is a promising relief for IBS called Kijimea IBS. And it is NOW available in the UK.

Intestinal problems were unexplainable for a long time

For a very long time, the causes of recurring intestinal problems were a mystery for scientists. Recently they finally found a possible answer: the symptoms could be a sign for a disease called IBS. By now, more and more experts are convinced that IBS may be caused by small damages in the intestinal barrier. These allow pollutants and pathogens to enter the intestinal wall and to trigger the typical symptoms of IBS.

Researchers discovered effective help for IBS sufferers

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Now available in the UK

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Devoted doggy pair who cannot bear to be separated...

STAFF at Dogs Trust Bridgend are looking for a special new home for an elderly and partially deaf father and daughter duo.

The two terriers, 15-year-old Eddie and 12-year-old Poppy arrived at the Pen-y-Fai rehoming centre after their owner became ill and could no longer look after them.

Despite being partially deaf, and Eddie losing his sight, the pair are active dogs that love their walks and a trot around off-lead.

Angela Wetherall, rehoming centre manager at Dogs Trust Bridgend, said: "We would love to see Eddie and Poppy rehomed together so they can enjoy their twilight years with a loving family.

"Despite being a mature pair, they still have a lot of love to give and would make the perfect companions for a loving family.

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'Landmark building must be safeguarded' – SAYS VALE COUNCIL LEADER

by TIM CHAPMAN
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VALE Council leader John Thomas has said the future of Penarth Pier and Pavilion must be safeguarded for everyone to enjoy.

He and Coun Bob Penrose, the cabinet member for learning and culture, had a meeting with Penarth Arts and Crafts Ltd (PACL) to find out what the charity's future plans were.

Local people have been upset by reduced opening times at the venue and at the temporary closure of the cinema.

Penarth Pier and Pavilion were restored in 2012-13 thanks to a £4m grant by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The council points out that PACL benefits from a peppercorn rent and was given £800,000 towards renovations – in addition to money from the Heritage Lottery Fund – and received a £100,000 grant to help support the group during its first year of trading.

Couns Thomas and Penrose say they were keen to further understand the issues that had previously led to the Pier cinema being closed as well as the reduction in opening times for the Pavilion.

Coun Thomas said: "The Vale Council recognises the historic and cultural significance of both Penarth Pier and the Pavilion.

"It is without doubt an iconic landmark that deserves to be put to effective use for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

"I am aware of the level of public interest in the future use of the Pavilion and since forming the new administration, I have taken an active role in discussions regarding the future of it.

"I, along with my cabinet colleague Bob Penrose and officers, met with representatives from Penarth Arts and Crafts Ltd recently, at the Pavilion to discuss the current situation and I have asked that officers continue the dialogue over coming weeks.

"I remain resolute in my commitment that such an important location and landmark deserves to be put to sustainable and appropriate long-term use, that is open for all to enjoy."

Coun Penrose said he understood the strength of local feeling that the building must achieve its potential.

"I want to assure all those who share an interest in the future of this cultural asset that what is of primary concern to me is that the Pavilion has a long-term and sustainable use of which the community of Penarth and the wider Vale can be proud.

"To this end, we will continue discussions and as and when more information becomes available, we will of course share that information with all those with an interest."

Professor Tony Hazell, the chair of Penarth Arts and Crafts Limited, said PACL welcomed the recent visit by key members of the Vale Council

He said: "This was Coun Thomas's first visit to the Pavilion and we acknowledge the active role that he has played in discussions on the future of the Pier and Pavilion since taking up his role as leader.

"During the meeting, we were keen to convey a clear message that the future of the Pavilion depends heavily on achieving long-term commercial sustainability.

"This has to be the main objective of our development strategy following the award of an additional grant by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

"We shared our plans to increase revenue, particularly through the hosting of additional weddings and other family celebrations and also outlined the changes that we are making to extend our catering facilities.

"A number of developments are already under way in the café and we are pleased to report that, with effect from the week beginning September 11, the Pavilion will be open from 10am to 6pm, Tuesday to Sunday inclusive.

"Understandably, the councillors were keen to discuss our plans for the future operation of the cinema.

"These plans are currently being developed by the staff and, given the essential requirement for an increase in commercial activity, we welcomed a number of helpful suggestions from the councillors regarding a wider range of activities that could possibly take place in the cinema auditorium.

"Full details of these plans will be posted on the Pavilion website in due course."

Professor Hazell added: "We will, of course, continue to work closely with members and officers at the Vale Council and will continue to do everything possible to ensure the long-term sustainability of this important facility for the local community and beyond."

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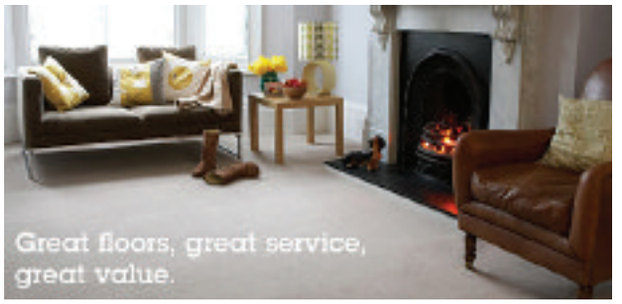

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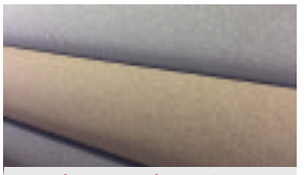
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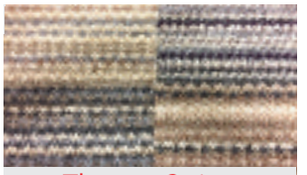
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Council secures £9.8m in Section 106 'contributions' for community schemes and affordable housing

THE Vale Council secured financial commitments for £9.8m in the form of Section 106 contributions from developers in 2016/17.

In the 12 months between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017, a total of 23 planning permissions were granted which have been subject to S106 agreements.

"Once received, this money will be spent on public transport, walking and cycling, educational facilities, open spaces, children's play areas and improvements to community facilities near development sites," a spokesperson said.

The council had also secured 'in kind' obligations, which developers will be required to deliver on-site, such as the implementation of public open space, affordable housing and public art.

During the same period, £1.4m was spent on S106 schemes across the Vale. These included the Port Road Footway/Cycle Scheme in Barry, the Plassey Square play area improvements in Penarth, nursery provision at Gwenfo Primary School and the purchase of equipment for Murchfield Community Centre in Dinas Powys and Heol Llidiard Community Hall in Llangan.

At the same time, a total of 217 new build affordable housing units were built by developers as a result of S106 agreements and were made available to local residents who would not otherwise have been able to afford housing on the open market.

Coun Jonathan Bird, cabinet member for regeneration and planning, said: "Section 106 agreements are agreed in order to address the impact of housing developments, and, in many cases, to help improve the schemes themselves.

"In recent years, the Vale has developed a very effective approach to maximising the contributions required from developers and pooling this money to fund schemes that make a big difference.

"Only last month, it was announced that a new village hall will be built in Ogmore by Sea, thanks to £287,000 of S106 funding. This is an approach that works and one that we will continue to use to improve and develop facilities across the county."

Plassey Square play area was recently refurbished using Section 106 funds.

Port Road improvements were funded by S106 contributions.

At the close of the last financial year, the council had £10.9m within its S106 account. The authority is committed to ensuring that local communities are involved in deciding how Section 106 contributions are used, especially where contributions are received for public open spaces and community facilities.

Public consultations on S106 spending have recently been held in Penarth, Fferm Goch, Wenvoe and Ystradowen, and one will begin soon in Rhoose to determine how best to spend contributions of £86,876 which is available now and a further £343,009,which is due in 2019.

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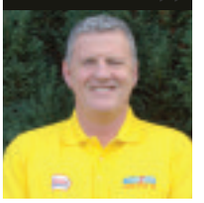

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American Made is Tom Cruise's most enjoyable performance in years...

NOW is probably not the best time to be Tom Cruise... His last cinematic effort, *The Mummy*, was a crushing and terrible disappointment, while filming on the latest *Mission: Impossible* film has been shut down after he broke an ankle doing a stunt.

While Cruise retreats to lick his physical and mental wounds, he still has a film ready to go in *American Made*. A real-life story, he plays Barry Seal, a pilot recruited by both the CIA and drugs baron Pablo Escobar, to fly arms and drugs into dangerous territories.

However, Seal's juggling act soon comes crashing down around him and having played both sides, he has to keep his head above water...

Tom Cruise's default recent setting seems to have been stuck in action hero mode. From the Jack Reacher films to the *Mission: Impossible* films and this summer's *The Mummy* (shudder), Cruise has been comfortable exchanging gunfire, jumping off buildings and mining that blockbuster charisma.

However good he is at this, there is something even more enjoyable when Cruise breaks out of his action box and essays characters with a little more depth and dimension. Take a look down his CV and the performances that really stand out, in recent memory at least, are the likes of hitman Vincent in *Collateral* and studio honcho Les Grossman in *Tropic Thunder* – you can now add Barry Seal to that list, as Cruise is superb in *American Made*, a frothy-yet-cautionary tale of one man's rise, rise, rise and abrupt fall.

It's a tale that we've seen before in many ways – characters breaks out of the mundanity of their lives, are successful, make lots of money before they are spat out and struggle to arrest the decline – but in the hands of Cruise's performance and Doug Liman's direction, it makes for an entertaining cocktail of espionage, smuggling and politics.

Liman gives the film a loose, vibrant feel, one that lacks a little in structure, but makes up for in terms of energy, and his keen visual sense guides the film through the story of Seal.

That it's a real story is amazing, a snapshot of distrust and unrest in the latter years of the Cold War, as countries sought to train and arm smaller nations in the larger battle – and Seal is our way in.

It would be easy to have depicted Seal as cocky and smug, feeling untouchable as he rubs shoulders with the Medellin cartel and various other shady figures, but Cruise presents him as a man with one eye on the exit at all times, revelling in his new-found wealth and success, but conscious that it could all end tomorrow.

Seeing Cruise in this kind of role is a pleasure, giving him the opportunity to do more than just run and shoot things, and he delivers a strong turn that the film is built around.

None of the other characters really resonate, despite the best efforts of those involved, with only Domhnall Gleeson's CIA operative feeding the narrative – but when Cruise is as watchable as he is here, that's not a problem – the story of Seal conveyed wonderfully.

When it all blows up around Seal, there's no tortured soul bemoaning what he's gotten himself into, merely the urge and desire to protect his family and himself, and Liman's decision to downplay the fall, coupled with a move into the political landscape, means the film finishes strongly, a shot of cold reality sharpening the story, and how all of this came to take place.

Arguably, the film could delve deeper into the whys and hows of the operation, but you feel Liman didn't want to delve too deeply into that story; instead, by focusing on Seal and his actions, *American Made* engages without preaching, and makes for a hugely enjoyable offering.

VERDICT – The most enjoyable performance in years from Tom Cruise headlines this energetic and loose-limbed real-life story, as *American Made* is superb film. Directed with zealous élan by Doug Liman, it wears its excesses on its sleeve and revels in the madness, without attempting to over-moralise. Recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Wolf of Wall Street* (2014), *Gold* (2017).

by GARETH JAMIESON
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What do you know about Dyffryn?

RESEARCHERS at Dyffryn House, the Victorian mansion with Edwardian listed gardens at St Nicholas in the Vale – currently managed by the National Trust on a 50-year lease – are seeking information on the history of the site.

A spokesperson said that the original collection owned by the Cory family was sold at auction in 1937: "If any local people are aware of pieces that were sold locally, we would love to hear from you.

"We would also be very interested to talk to anyone who has memories of working at the site from the 1980s and before – with the option to carry out an oral history."

Please contact Christina at Christina.Hanley@nationaltrust.org.uk or call 07483 926208 if you can help.

What's on and where, in your neighbourhood?

Welsh Learners' choir

THE forthcoming concert with Cantorion Coety on September 11 takes place at 7.30pm at Gilgal Baptist Church, Park Avenue, Porthcawl.

It is hoped to welcome a large audience, at the same time raising money for the victims of famine in East Africa.

Pay at the door, tickets £5. For further information call 07730 221642.

Floral demo

'Out of the Attic' is the title of a floral demonstration to be given to members of the Barry Floral Society by area demonstrator, Mrs Margaret Walker, of Cheltenham.

It takes place at St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry, on Tuesday, September 12 at 2.15pm. New members are welcome.

Lift group

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A QUIZ night in aid of National Autistic Society will be held at The Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry on Saturday, October 7 at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £5 include refreshments. For further information, call 01446 743932.

Female author in Penarth Q&A

Rachel Joyce, bestselling author of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* and its follow-up *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy*, will be visiting Penarth on September 14.

She will be discussing her recently-published novel *The Music Shop* with local bookshop owner Mel Griffin, and answering audience questions at All Saints' Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth (CF64 3EH), at 2pm.

Tickets available from Griffin Books, Penarth, at £16 each. The price includes a cream tea plus a personally signed hardback copy of *The Music Shop*.

Concept Players are back with a SHOUT

CONCEPT Players, described as "one of south Wales' most exciting theatre companies", return to Penarth after the success of *Evita* and *The Importance Of Being Earnest* – to take their audiences back to the swinging 1960s.

This review-based show centres around five women, growing up in a period of great social change, struggling to make the most of themselves as they battle to get boyfriends, manage husbands, have a career and raise a family. Who do they return to? Well, SHOUT! magazine of course.

SHOUT! magazine's resident agony aunt doles out plentiful advice, though some of it is more than a bit wide of the mark to great comic effect.

The show speeds along with the help of all those 1960s classic songs, and specifically centring on those sung by British stars such as Petula Clarke, Dusty Springfield, Sandy Shaw, Shirley Bassey, Cilla Black and Lulu.

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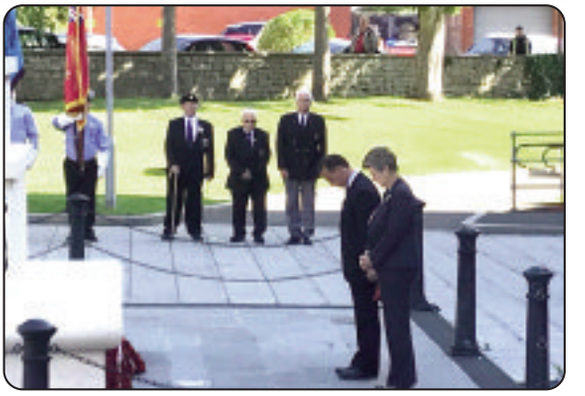
Merchant Navy Day is commemorated in Barry

The scene at the Merchant Navy Day service in Barry.



Alun Cairns MP and Jane Hutt AM laying wreaths on the forecourt of the Civic Offices.

ON Friday, September 1, the Vale of Glamorgan Council commemorated Merchant Navy Day, which officially took place nationally on Sunday, September 3.

Present were the Mayoress of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Janice Charles, who gave a reading during the service, as well as Alun Cairns MP, Jane Hutt AM, Leader of the Council Coun John Thomas, Mayoress of Llantwit Major, Jane Norman and the Mayor of Barry, Coun Nic Hodges.

Alun Cairns said: "It was an honour to lay a wreath at the Merchant Navy Day on Friday. It was a moving service, and the reception afterwards was a great opportunity to catch up with new and longstanding friends, who could share many inspiring stories about the work of the Merchant Navy."

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Source of 'burning smell' in Barry is tracked down

AN investigation was launched into a 'burning smell' in Barry last week.

Early in the week, residents were puzzled as to the source of the smell.

Ferda Ulug, the owner of La Cucina café and tapas bar on Holton Road, said: "We had customers coming in who were saying, "What's is the burning smell?"

"I had even gone into the kitchen and asked, "Is anything burning?" it was that bad.

"I haven't seen any smoke – just experienced the smell."

On Facebook on Wednesday, August 30, Sue Eldridge commented: "Anyone know what the very strong smell of wood burning was from in the early hours? Most of Barry could smell it. Most odd."

Last Thursday, August 31, the Vale Council released a statement explaining that a fire had been tracked down.

A Vale spokesman said: "The council is aware that a smell of burning has been present in parts of Barry recently.

"Officers have been in contact with partner agencies and a possible source has been identified.

"The fire service has attended the site in question. They are satisfied the fire is under control and it should be extinguished by the weekend."

Tim Chapman

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VALE SHOW RESULTS 2017

Over the next two weeks, The GEM will be reprinting the results from the 2017 Vale of Glamorgan Show in full. Unfortunately, results previously printed incorrectly concerned the 2016 Show, for which we wish to fully apologise to everyone concerned – with the hope that this gesture will go some way to making amends.

Sheep and sileage

Class 36 Ram – 1st SH & C WILLIAMS, PANTYCORNANT FARM, GLYNOGWR; 2nd DO VICKERY, TY OAKLEY FARM, HAFOD YR YNYS; 3rd S & E WILLIAMS, PANTYFID FARM, MARKHAM, BLACKWOOD.

Class 37 Ram Lamb – 1st and 2nd SH & C WILLIAMS, PANTYCORNANT FARM; 3rd DO VICKERY, TY OAKLEY FARM.

Class 38 One Ewe – 1st Arthur Davies; 2nd SH & C WILLIAMS, PANTYCORNANT FARM; 3rd S & E WILLIAMS PANTYFID FARM.

Class 39 One Ewe Lamb – 1st and 2nd DO VICKERY, TY OAKLEY FARM; 3rd SH & C WILLIAMS, PANTYCORNANT FARM.

Championship for the Best Exhibit in the Welsh Mountain Sheep Classes

The Western Mail Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best Exhibit in the Welsh Mountain Sheep Classes: Arthur Davies, Maes yr Onn Farm, Blackwood; Reserve SH & C Williams, PANTYCORNANT FARM.

Black Welsh Mountain Sheep

Class 40 Ram – 1st M/S PALMER & HAYWARD, YSGUBORGOCH FARM, DINAS POWYS; 2nd Bertorelli; 3rd J GRIFFITHS, PARK HOUSE, RHIWDERINM NEWPORT.

Class 41 Ram Lamb – 1st Bertorelli; 2nd SAM WILLIAMS, SUNRISE BUNGALOW, ST BRIDES MAJOR; 3rd EDWARD MORGAN, 8 PHOENIX WAY, PENALLTA, HENGOED.

Class 42 One Ewe – 1st EDWARD MORGAN, 8 PHOENIX WAY, PENALLTA, HENGOED; 2nd M/S PALMER & HAYWARD, YSGUBORGOCH FARM; 3rd J GRIFFITHS, PARK HOUSE, RHIWDERINM.

Class 43 One Ewe Lamb – 1st and 2nd J GRIFFITHS, PARK HOUSE; 3rd M/S PALMER & HAYWARD, YSGUBORGOCH FARM.

The Richard Evans-Bevan Perpetual Challenge Tankard for the Best Exhibit in the Black Welsh Mountain Sheep Class: Palmer & Hayward, YSGUBORGOCH FARM; Reserve J Griffiths, Park House.

Suffolk Sheep

Class 44 Ram – 1st TR & J HARRIS, REDLAND FARM, BONVILSTON; 2nd RHIAN LEWIS, WIGFA FARM, CILYBEBYLL; 3rd CHRISTOPHER CORNOCK, RED HOUSE FARM, ST BRIDES, WENTLOOGE.

Class 45 Ram Lamb – 1st and 2nd RHIAN LEWIS, WIGFA FARM.

Class 46 One Ewe – 1st TR & J HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 2nd RHIAN LEWIS, WIGFA FARM; 3rd TR & J HARRIS, REDLAND FARM.

Class 47 One Ewe Lamb – 1st STEFFAN THOMAS, LLYGAID YR HAVI, CARNEGSAWDDE, LLANGADOG; 2nd TR & J HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 3rd RHIAN LEWIS, WIGFA FARM.

Championship for the Best Exhibit in the Suffolk Sheep Classes

The Edwards Geldard Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best Exhibit in the Suffolk Sheep Classes – TR Harris, Redland Farm; Reserve Steffan Thomas, LLYGAID YR HAVI.

Class 128 Best Clamp Of Silage, **Major Frank Homfray Perpetual Challenge Cup:** 1st HD Hanks and Son, Ty Canol Farm, Llantrithyd; 2nd TW Jarvis and Son, Gelli Goll Farm, Llansannor; 3rd VJ Thomas and Son, Pancross Farm, Llancarfan; 4th R & L Anthony, Tythegston Farm, Bridgend.

Class 129 Best Bag Of Silage – **Fred Williams Memorial Cup**: 1st TW Jarvis and Son, Gelli Goll Farm; 2nd R & L Anthony, Tythegston Farm; 3rd PC Thomas and Son, Splott Farm, Wick; 4th Gareth Rees, Wrinstone Farm, Wenvoe.

Class 130 Long Term Ley – **George Gibson Perpetual Challenge Cup:** 1st Lyndon Joseph, Mount Pleasant Farm, Stormy Down; 2nd TW Jarvis and Son, Gelli Goll Farm; 3rd M T Rees, Upper Parc Farm, Laleston; 4th RS Thomas, Sutton Newydd Farm, Wick.

Class 131 Short Term Ley – **Penllyne Cricket Club Perpetual Challenge Cup:** 1st R & L Anthony, Tythegston Farm; 2nd G Anthony and Son, Haregrove Farm, Laleston; 3rd VJ Thomas and Son, Pancross Farm; 4th EH Radcliffe and Son, Penmark Place, Penmark.

Class 132 Best Field Of Winter Barley – **The Evan Crook Memorial Cup:** 1st R & L Anthony, Tythegston Farm; 2nd PC Thomas and Son, Splott Farm, Wick; 3rd TW Jarvis and Son, Gelli Goll Farm; 4th RJ Thomas and Son, Gileston Farm, St Athan.

Class 133 Best Field Of Winter Oats – **James James JP Memorial Challenge Cup:** 1st EH Radcliffe and Son, Penmark Place; 2nd RJ Thomas and Son, Gileston Farm; 3rd VJ Thomas and Son, Pancross Farm.

Class 134 Best Field Of Winter Of Winter Wheat – **WD James Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy:** 1st EH Radcliffe and Son, Penmark Place; 2nd R & L Anthony, Tythegston Farm; 3rd G Anthony and Son, Haregrove Farm; 4th RJ Thomas and Son, Gileston Farm.

Class 135 Best Field Of Spring Barley – **Vale Show Perpetual Challenge Cup:** 1st VJ Thomas and Son, Pancross Farm; 2nd TW Jarvis and Son, Gelli Goll Farm; 3rd RE Brown, New Beaupre Farm, St Hilary; 4th WD James, The Grange, Wick.

Class 136 Best Winter Oil Seed Crop – **Gwyn Jervis Perpetual Challenge Cup:** 1st RJ Thomas and Son, Gileston Farm; 2nd PC Thomas and Son, Splott Farm, Wick; 3rd Penllyn Estate Farm, Penllyn, Cowbridge; 4th WD James and Son, The Grange.

Class 137 Best Field Of Beans – **Robert Morgan Perpetual Challenge Cup:** 1st VJ Thomas and Son, Pancross Farm; 2nd WD James and Son, The Grange; 3rd EH Radcliffe and Son, Penmark Place; 4th IG Jeffries, East Monkton, Wick.

Class 139 Best Field Of Spring Wheat – 1st R & L Anthony, Tythegston Farm; 2nd HD Hanks and Son, Ty Ganol Farm, Llantrithyd; 3rd RS Thomas and Son, Sutton Newydd Farm; 4th Gareth Rees, Wrinstone Farm, Wenvoe.

Class 140 Best Field Of Maize – **AR Thomas Perpetual Challenge Cup:** 1st R & L Anthony, Tythegston Farm; 2nd E Williams and Son, Old Parc Farm, Margam; 3rd EH Radcliffe and Son, Penmark Place; 4th Penllyn Estate Farm.

Class 141 Best Clamp Of Maize Silage – 1st R & L Anthony, Tythegston Farm; 2nd EH Radcliffe and Son, Penmark Place; 3rd VJ Thomas and Son, Pancross Farm; 4th ET Adams, Ty Uchaf, Llantrithyd.

Class 144 Bale Of Meadow Hay – 1st Thomas and Walter Haxland; 2nd Howard Evans, Llanbad Fach, Brynna; 3rd TR Harris, Redlands, Bonvilston.

Class 146 10 Kilos Wheat – 1st Thomas, Gileston; 2nd R and L Anthony, Tythegston; 3rd Radcliffe, Penmark.

Class 147 10 Kilos Oats – 1st Thomas, Gilestone; 2nd Radcliffe, Penmark.

Class 148 10 Kilos Barley – 1st James, Grange, Wick; 2nd Thomas, Gileston; 3rd Radcliffe, Penmark.

The Edward John Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup For Best Trade Stand Mainly Supplying Goods and Services to the Agricultural Industry: David Evans.

The Gale Martin Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy For Best Trade Stand Mainly Supplying Goods And Services To The General Public: Topstak.

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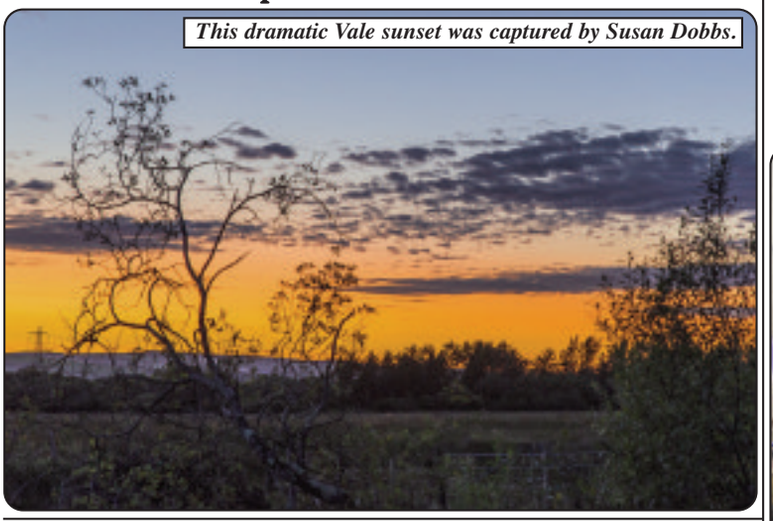
The David Synan Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup: Robert Christopher Biddle, Callow Cottage.

Camera captures dramatic sunset



This dramatic Vale sunset was captured by Susan Dobbs.

Global Day of Charity sees Arriva on track

Volunteers at Pontyclun Station.

HAVE you ever wanted to run your own railway station? Arriva Trains Wales is offering people the opportunity to take over their local station – as part of celebrations to mark International Day of Charity (September 5).

Members of the public volunteer to take on unstaffed railway stations in their area through the national 'Adopt a Station' scheme which was launched in 2004.

More than 130 Arriva Trains Wales stations have since been adopted by community-spirited volunteers, who receive an annual issue of rail travel vouchers.

There are now 84 more up for grabs, including Baglan, Maesteg, Pyle and Sarn.

'Adopt a Station' aims to improve links between Arriva, local communities and customers living near 190 unstaffed stations across the railway operator's network.

Station adopters provide regular feedback on litter, graffiti, vandalism, lighting and timetable information so that any issues can be addressed.

There are also opportunities for volunteers to compete for 'Best Kept Station' titles and horticultural awards in some areas.

Arriva's community relations manager, Geraint Morgan, said: "Station adopters don't have to do any cleaning or maintenance, because these are done on a regular basis by our own staff. They act as an extra pair of eyes and ears at stations where we don't have any on-site staff, and report any problems.

"It's a vital job and we are very grateful to all the volunteers across our network, who make the charitable effort on behalf of their local community to help keep their stations at their best."

"Some of our stations have gardens or floral displays and our volunteers have not only enhanced the appearance of their local railway station, but also won national awards for their green fingered efforts.

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'WONDERFUL TO BEHOLD'

Young and old forged an endearing relationship with fun and games at care home

Photo by MIKE DEARDEN.

STAFF from a Cardiff care home took their children to spend time with residents to help improve their overall happiness and well-being – after being inspired by a hit TV programme.

Tŷ Llandaff, a private nursing, residential and respite care home in Pontcanna, organised the experimental afternoon after watching *Old People's home for 4-Year-Olds*, which aired on Channel 4 earlier this month.

Eleven pensioners from the St Monica Trust retirement village in Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol and ten children from local Bristol pre-schools were selected for the ground-breaking two-part TV programme, with filming taking place over a six-week period at the retirement community.

The old and young volunteers shared daily activities designed by experts, who were amazed to discover the transformative power that simply being around the children had for the older people.

This resulted in some substantial improvements in the pensioners' mental and physical health, while the children also showed benefits, including language development and increased confidence.

Tŷ Llandaff manager Janice Evans said staff were so inspired by the TV show, which featured a series of extraordinary and moving scenes, they wanted to do something similar for their own residents of the Pontcanna care home.

The home, which offers nursing and residential care from the age of 18, opened in January and was recently named in the top 20 recommended care homes in Wales for 2017 by a leading UK care home website.

Twelve of the staff's children, from nine months to nine-years-old, took part in joint activities with the residents including playing table football, ball games and skittles, while there were ball pits and soft toys for the babies.

They then all shared a picnic in one of Tŷ Llandaff's lounges. Jan said residents "benefited enormously" from the children's visit, while the youngsters mutually also had a lot of fun.

"The TV show really inspired a lot of the staff who saw it, as it was so moving.

"Bringing the old and young together showed that it had positively mutual benefits, not only to the residents, but the children too – so we wanted to try and replicate that here at Tŷ Llandaff."

"We work tirelessly to make our care home a wonderful place to be. Anything that positively impacts the lives of our residents is a great result for us and this was very successful.

"There was lots of laughter and fun. We saw endearing relationships forged between some of our residents and the children, which was wonderful to see.

"We are now looking to make this regular event," Jan added. **AS**

Rambling through the sheep-filled meadows

– and a hunt for fossils

IT was a triumph for Sheila, who led her first walk for Penarth and District Ramblers with a group of 21 walkers and Biddy the dog at St Mary's Church in Wenvoe recently.

The walkers included Dorothy P, who in a couple of weeks will be celebrating her 84th birthday – proving age is just a number and that walking as well as staying active, can keep you agile, healthy and happy.

Heading up through Pound Lane and Wenvoe Wood to Burdonshill, some mud and deep water was soon negotiated for a visit to the Elizabethan Orchard. Heading across part of the Wenvoe golf course, the group dropped down through woodland, fields led them on past Goldsland Wood for a morning break at St Lythans Burial Chamber in glorious warm sunshine.

Some road walking brought them back into lush green fields behind Dyffryn, for the short journey to Tinkinswood Burial Chamber, and onwards through sheep-filled meadows to walk the road up to St Nicholas.

The edge of cropped and harvested fields led them into Coed Nant-Bran before lunch in a quiet meadow near Lodge House Farm. Following the road to the delightful St Bleddian's Church in St Lythans, the group headed back to Burdonshill Lane, returning along a narrow path through woodland for a drink at the Wenvoe Arms.

Staying on home territory for the August bank holiday, 17 walkers joined Joy and Biddy at St John the Baptist Church in Sully before setting off down Ashby Road and crossing Sully Moors to exit at the very busy Cardiff Road.

Making their way by field and track to Biglis House and Farm, they headed up beside the Cadoxton River onto the empty St Andrews golf course and with the temperature steadily rising, they paused for morning break in lush fields below Southra.

Heading across Dinas Powys Common and dropping down to re-join Cardiff Road, a footbridge brought them across the river and up into Cross Common Road.

Climbing gradually, before heading through fields to join South Road and passing the lovely old 12th century St Peter's Church, they went along Mile Road, which divides Cosmeston Country Park into two halves. A deviation through a paddock and Cogan Wood led them past the western lake to a picnic area for lunch.

They left the busy park and made their way up through the quiet Searchlight Lane to join the Wales Coast path,. Another descent led into Lavernock Bay to seek fossils in the rocks before heading across St Mary's Well Bay and along the road to Swanbridge.

Leaving the busy Beach Road, the group continued along the coast path with its sculpture trail and headed towards Sully beach on a man-made track which led them inland back to their start.

On September 10, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 12.5-mile strenuous walk taking in Rhos Dirion, Twmpa and Capel-y-ffin; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

To follow the group, see www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 02920 255102.

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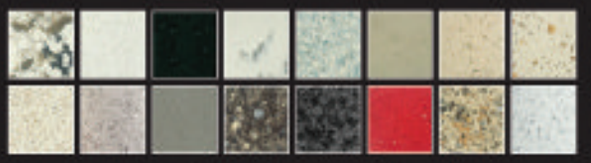

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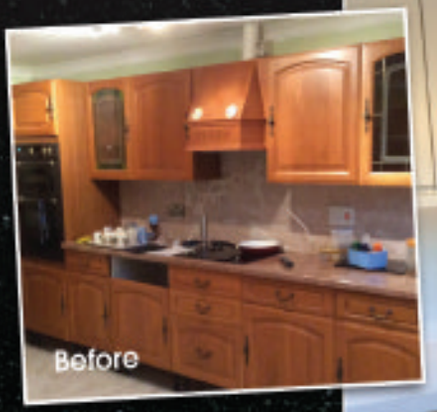

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Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th September – Boverton Farm, Llantwit Major

All Wales Ploughing Championships on their way

A countryside event showcasing ancient rural skills will take place at Boverton Place Farm near Llantwit Major on September 16 and 17 when competitors will demonstrate their expertise in ploughing, hedge laying, and fencing competitions.

The event is over two days as the Five Nations Challenge visits Wales this year. Representatives from Wales, England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland will compete in both reversible and conventional ploughing competitions.

There will also be a Welsh Dragon Open Championship, a competition for Ferguson T20 tractors and general purpose plough under the Ferguson Club rules, plus the Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing & Hedging Society is staging a reversible ploughing competition. There will be plenty of vintage machinery, a working steam plough and threshing machine and a horse ploughing demonstration.

On the Sunday, these competitors, together with nearly 100 other entrants, take part in the All Wales Ploughing and Hedging Championships. This will see 10 different ploughing classes including World Style, High Cut, Vintage and two horse ploughing competitions. Competitors are travelling from as far as Cornwall and Cumbria.

Both days begin at 9.15am with a procession of competitors to their plots. Other than ploughing, there will also be hedge laying and fencing competitions, as well as demonstration areas highlighting modern methods of farming and a number of trade stands. You can also see a cider press and thatcher at work, plus on Sunday afternoon from 3.30pm, there will be main ring entertainment provided by Merion Owen's Quack Pack, Glamorgan Hunt and the Iron Horse Society.

Oil4Wales is bringing its stand, which will include some Welsh rugby stars available for autograph signing. Fablas from Cowbridge will be providing delicious ice cream plus there will be a public bar and refreshment area.

Entry is £10 for adults with children 16 years and under free of charge.

Of note, the All Wales Championships, run under the auspices of the Welsh Ploughing Association, was established in 1958 by the Radnor Valley Vintage Society who held the first Welsh Championships at Walton in Powys.

At these first Championships, Glamorgan took a leading role and it was a Glamorgan ploughman, Henry Jones of Lunnon, who was crowned Champion Ploughman of Wales, a feat that he repeated on a further three occasions before retiring from competitive ploughing.

Since those early days, the Championships have gone from strength-to-strength, with more competitions being added and competitors increasing to well over 100 each year. The Championships have since visited most parts of Wales, and Glamorgan has hosted the event on six occasions already – in 1963, 1972, 1982, 1995, 2003 and 2010.

To visit this year's Championships, travel to Llantwit Major and follow the AA signs. Nearest postcode is CF61 1UH.

If you would like further information, contact the local secretary Jane John on 07809 050635, or jane.john123@icloud.com or follow the Championships on Facebook @walesploughing.

A JUDGE'S VIEW

I HAVE been involved in competitive ploughing since I was 14 years old, following in the footsteps of my father and brother.

About 30 years ago, I was asked to become a judge, a role which has taken me all over Britain.

Over the years, the most frequent question I have been asked is, 'What do you look for when judging a ploughing match?' So I wanted to take this opportunity to outline the main points.

Judges consider nine different categories, each worth 20 marks.

Straightness and uniformity of the furrows (the long trench made in the ground by a plough) are most important.

Furrows must be well packed with no holes allowing good weed control.

The start (which is the first 11 or 12 furrows) must be uniform and level and the finish (the last eight furrows) should be uniform, shallow and clean.

The overall appearance of the finished plot is usually a good indication of the quality of the ploughman.

Ploughing is a very ancient and skilful way of tilling the soil to ensure a good seedbed for crops. While there are now many more modern methods used, competition ploughing keeps this skill alive.

If you want to find out more, don't be afraid to ask an official if you have any questions.

This year is a particularly special year. We are returning to Boverton Place Farm, by kind invitation of the Thomas family of Pancross Farm and a perpetual Cup is being presented in memory of my brother and sister-in-law, Glyn and Barbara Davies, whose daughter Cathy lives at Pancross.

This will be awarded to the best ploughman from the counties of Carmarthenshire, Glamorganshire and Pembrokeshire.

We look forward to welcoming you to Boverton Place for an interesting and enjoyable day out for all the family.

KEN DAVIES,
Field Director, Welsh Ploughing Association.

The All Wales Ploughing & Hedging Championship

The Mayor of The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Councillor Janice Charles, would like to wish everyone involved with the All Wales Ploughing & Hedging Championship a very happy and successful event.

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READERS' LETTERS extra

Why EU Repeal Bill is so crucial to plan for Brexit

THE EU Repeal Bill, due to be debated in Parliament this month, is central to the Government's plan to exit the EU in 2019 because it releases Britain from more than 40 years of the supremacy of EU laws.

It also repeals the 1972 treaty that made Britain a member of the EU.

It is important that people realise that if the bill doesn't pass, then Britain will remain under the remit of EU law.

It is, therefore, very disappointing that there are reports emerging of MPs planning to oppose the bill. Any effort to oppose or dilute it – via a succession of wrecking amendments – would effectively prevent Britain leaving the EU, and would fly in the face of the decision Britain made last year to leave the EU.

As chair of Change Britain and former Labour MP, Gisela Stuart, says: "The Repeal Bill is the first essential step in leaving the EU and will enable us to take back control of our laws in an orderly way. MPs must now do their democratic duty and vote for it."

MPs should work to make a success of Brexit, not try and frustrate last year's referendum result. I would encourage those who feel as I do to write to their MP and ask them to support the bill and honour the will of the people to leave the EU.

We need to show our politicians that we expect them to respect the result of the referendum.

The battle starts with the Repeal Bill. The Bill will take a long time to get through the House of Commons and House of Lords. At every stage pro EU campaigners and their supporters in Parliament will fight to frustrate the process and weaken our resolve. The debate on the Repeal Bill starts next week and it is vital we apply pressure now.

What you can do:

1. Email your MP. If you have not done so already, please visit *changebritain.org/sites/all/modules/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=49&qid=103942to* and in just a few clicks send an email to your MP. Thank you if you are one of the thousands who have done this already.

2. Get others involved. If you know friends and family share your commitment to Brexit and would want to help, please forward this email to them and ask them to email their MP too.

3. Write to your local newspaper.

4. Start a local petition. There is a form that you can download: *changebritain.org/sites/all/modules/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=50&qid=103942*. Print off the form which includes a message from Gisela Stuart and take it round to family and friends or set up a street stall and ask people to sign up.

If we act now we can show the EU lobby and our politicians that we want them to get on with it and to take back control from Brussels.

We are part of 17.5 million people who expect to be heard. By acting together, we can make this happen and build a better future for Britain outside the EU.

Mike Bailey, Cowbridge.

'Closure of A & E unit, beggars belief'

I READ with interest, the article where Huw Irranca-Davies AM visited the Royal Glamorgan Hospital which stated that '*he saw first hand the excellent facilities of the A & E department and Emergency Care unit and that this was as a result of Welsh Government investment*'.

What he failed to mention was that this department is due to close down...

The pending closure is of huge concern to the people in the catchment area that this A & E covers.

The wonderful staff that work in this hospital, as pointed out by Mr Irranca-Davies, are already under pressure – this is partly due to the lack of funding, causing staff shortages – but mainly due to the volume of people who have use for this A & E department.

However, with the possibility of a further 460-plus homes within the area, it beggars belief that this closure was even a consideration, let alone a reality!

I, along with thousands of others in this area, would ask the Assembly Members to rethink please.

Thank you for the wonderful and informative GEM newspaper.

D Allan, Ton-Teg.

GEM ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

In Business Update

All change for autumn!

AS we leave the summer behind us, there is a definite scent of autumn in the air.

I love autumn, with the change of colours and a chance to welcome a more comforting theme to our wardrobes. – and at Samantha B, we always like to offer something different!

This season we welcome a new label to the shop, In Town is a Danish label, coordinated knitwear in deep claret and gorgeous olive greens combined with a pair of matching cords and, to finish off, a gilet – perfect easy dressing.

I have just returned from France, where the ladies look effortlessly elegant in the way they dress. A capsule wardrobe is key to this – a couple of pairs of trousers, jeans, a few tops, a great jacket accessorised with scarves, *et voila!*

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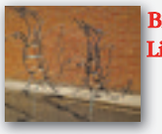

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PENARTH FOOD FESTIVAL
Sunday 17th September

Penarth food festival back from its break

COMMUNITY-based environmental organisation Gwyrddio Penarth Greening (GPG) is pleased to announce the return of the Penarth Local Food Festival, following last year's break.

This year's festival is taking place on Sunday, September 17 at the Kymin on Beach Road, a location popular with both traders and festival goers.

First held in 2011, the event fast became a popular and much-anticipated fixture in the town's annual calendar, attracting large crowds of locals and visitors.

The festival aims to highlight the vast range of quality independent food producers and businesses in the area and provide a unique showcase for the very best of local produce. This year's mouth-watering line-up will include all the regular favourites plus some tasty new additions.

Visitors will be able to sample a wide range of fresh local produce such as cheeses, breads, preserves, locally brewed beers and ciders, all provided by local businesses including Windsor Fruit Stores, Fauvette and many more.

There will also be a wide variety of hot food on offer, including local bacon and sausages from Old Cogan Hall Farm, a fish grill from the Fig Tree and lunchtime treats from Restaurant James Sommerin.

Vegetarians and vegans will also be well catered for, with tasty offerings from the always popular Parsnipship and festival first-timers Vegetarian Food Studio.

Festival organiser Anthony Slaughter said: "We're thrilled to be bringing the food festival back to the Kymin. The day is a real community event and a great celebration of local food.'

For GPG, the festival also provides an important opportunity to raise awareness of sustainable and environmental issues and highlight other GPG community projects. This year, the festival will be used to relaunch the group's 'Shop in Penarth' loyalty card scheme.

Originally introduced in 2010, the SiP scheme aimed to support Penarth's independent businesses and boost the local economy by encouraging customer loyalty. The scheme also helps to cut carbon emissions by reducing the number of car trips for out of town shopping.

The scheme has proved very popular with local shoppers and several thousand of the original SiP cards have been sold since its launch.

GPG have been working together with local retailers, the Town Council and the Penarth Times on the relaunch which will include new branding, promotional material and an improved online presence with the aim of encouraging even more people to cherish and support Penarth's vibrant mix of independent retailers.

The Food Festival is open from 11am to 4pm. Entry is free and open to all. **AS**

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Shop in Penarth scheme set to be relaunched

THE announcement that the popular Shop in Penarth (SiP) scheme is to be relaunched at the Food Festival on September 17, has been greeted with enthusiasm by independent retailers and shoppers alike.

The new scheme is still based around customers buying a card (*now plastic with a keyring tag*) and retailers providing offers to card holders.

The big change is that the scheme will now have a new, dedicated website and a new look, which is modern, clear and colourful.

Offers will be easily accessible online and businesses in the scheme will ensure that their customers are aware of the scheme and their offers.

Speaking about Shop Penarth, as it is now called, Tricia Griffiths, a founding member of the original scheme and a member of Gwyrddio Penarth Greening (GPG) which will remain the body responsible for administering the scheme, said: "GPG is delighted to see this scheme come to life again with renewed energy and purpose.

"The whole ethos is summed up in the strapline on the cards: 'Loving my Town', 'Supporting my Local Economy' and 'Building a Greener Future'.

"As previously, every penny raised from Shop Penarth goes back into the scheme, and we hope people will appreciate the smart new approach and the easily accessible website, wwwshop penarth.co.uk.

"Please note that this will not go live until the launch on September 17 at the Food Festival in the Kymin, Penarth."

For people not able to get to the Food Festival, which is running from 11am-4pm, cards will be available from businesses across Penarth displaying a Shop Penarth sign. **PS**

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Queen's Baton Relay passes through Bridgend and the Vale

BOXING champion Lee Selby and pupils from three local schools lined Barry Island Promenade, as the Vale Council helped organise a leg of the Queen's Baton Relay this week.

The event sees a baton containing a message from the HM The Queen travel around nations competing in the Commonwealth Games before reaching the Gold Coast in Australia where the 2018 Games will take place.

After setting out from Buckingham Palace, the relay visited Africa, the Caribbean and the Americas before heading back to the UK.

Barry Island featured as one of the locations during a four-day tour of Wales.

Pupils from High Street Primary, Gladstone Primary and Bro Morgannwg Primary schools packed onto the Island for the event that was also attended by Vale Council Leader John Thomas. They got a chance to hold the baton, made using macadamia wood and reclaimed plastic sourced from Gold Coast waterways, and watch as local hero Lee Selby and other famous faces carried it along the Promenade.

One of those was Vale Council worker John Nethercott, who won gold and bronze medals in respective 1500 and 800m events at the 1992 Paralympics in Barcelona.

After continuing its tour of Wales, the baton will head to Asia and Oceania and end up in Queensland for the start of the Commonwealth Games in April.

Coun Thomas said: "It was wonderful to see the Queen's Baton Relay visit the Vale as part of its journey around Wales this week.

"The fact such a prestigious event felt that Barry Island should feature along its route proves how iconic the resort is, not just in Wales, but internationally."

Group wants council to adopt local park

THE Rhoose Parks Action Group continues to pressure the local authority for the improvement of parks in the village.

The group met on September 1, at Ceri Road Park where they presented their proposals to local MP Alun Cairns.

Work to install new equipment at Ceri Road Park has begun; however, the group is concerned that the development work is not being undertaken as a matter of priority.

The group wants to see Heol Y Dryw Park being adopted by the Vale Council. It is currently the responsibility of the developer, David Wilson Homes.

Following the meeting, Mr Cairns said: "Ordinarily, it would be a community council who would take responsibility for parks in a village.

"This clearly is not the case in Rhoose, due to the current absence of a council.

"I am pleased that the Vale Council have begun work on Ceri Road Park and I will continue to monitor their progress.

"It concerns me that parks in the more rural areas of the Vale have not been given necessary refurbishments in the past five years.

"I am keen to work with the Vale's new administration to ensure that this is not the case again in another five years."

A vote will be held on Friday (September 8) at 7pm in the Stewart Road Community Centre, to determine whether a referendum should be held on whether or not Rhoose should form a community council.

All residents are urged to attend the vote.

Dinas Powys Probus has 'food for thought'

ON August 29, we were delighted to welcome Sue Worrall to our meeting to give a talk on 'Food for Life and Living'.

Sue started by giving some amazing facts about how hard our bodies work to keep us fit and healthy over a 70+ span of years. Our hearts will probably pump over 2,000 gallons of blood and our lungs will not only supply the vital oxygen we need, but also contribute to new blood production.

Food choices are very important and the 50/50 ratio of fats and sugar which we all love is also the same as found in breast milk... coincidence!

Correct food choice will also help to fight the following: cardio vascular disease causes 25 per cent of all deaths but the polyphenols present in all fruit and veg can help reduce cholesterol without the need for medication.

Similarly, type 2 diabetes and obesity can be improved by eating more fruit and veg. Britain is becoming known as 'The fat man of Europe'.

Sue explained the need to detox our bodies, as toxins are all around us and impossible to avoid; however, just by hydrating our bodies with six to eight glasses of water a day we can improve concentration levels and brain functions.

Surveys show that diets do not generally work as good health is all about repair and recovery. Repair and recovery is very dependent on what we eat and what we eat is about quality not quantity.

Following a very interesting 'question time' and the sampling of various healthy foods and drinks provided by Sue, the vote of thanks was given by Ken Wade. **GR**

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Woodham Road plant: 'Let's call it a power station'

I HAVE been following much of the correspondence in your newspaper relating to the proposed 'gasification' plant now being constructed on Woodham Road, Barry, and am wondering why it is still being referred to as a 'gasification' plant, whereas in reality it is a power station, and I think it should be referred to as such.

The title favours the developers, but not the general public who should be the important ones here.

Gasification is just one part of the process of burning wood/gas, to create heat and drive turbines to create electricity for the national grid.

It seems that Biomass UK No 2 appear to have used this term to distract the public about the fact that it is a power station, in much the same way as a conjurer distracts the audience's attention, while he performs some sleight of hand, an old trick indeed.

Biomass burning is an extremely inefficient method producing approximately 50 per cent more carbon dioxide than burning coal, and approximately four times as much carbon dioxide as burning natural gas, per unit energy produced (Reference PFPI data sheet).

NRW in their information sheet (page 2) state that they will consider the following issues when they decide if they will issue a permit to Biomass UK No 2 to start burning wood in their power station: 'Efficient use of raw materials, water and energy'...

Any person writing to NRW can state that this plant is an extremely inefficient way of using raw materials, as shown above in the PFPI report (available online), so the application for a licence should be rejected immediately on this point alone.

This leads to another issue stated by NRW as being something which they can consider, i.e. 'Control of emissions'.

I. like many other people, have tried wading through the infamous 1,000-page document at the public library in Barry searching for any reference to carbon dioxide emissions from this proposed power station, and been unable to find any reference to it whatsoever.

This seems very strange to me, and I wonder if it could be some slight oversight on the part of Biomass UK No 2, or whether it is something they would rather we didn't know too much about.

I have seen figures from a similar plant in Derbyshire, which state that it will produce over 4.3 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (the green-house gas) over its 25-year life span.

If we do a pro rata calculation for the Woodham Road power station, we end up with about 150 tonnes of carbon dioxide per day being poured into the skies above our town.

Another quick calculation shows that is the same amount of Co2 as would be produced by an extra 200,000 cars on the streets of Barry, every day. Definitely the 'elephant in the room' that they don't want to talk about.

I would urge everyone in the town to get the NRW information sheet, and write to them about these points, which they say they will consider before they make a final judgement on granting Biomass UK No 2 a 'licence to kill', and threaten the health of everyone in our town for the next 25 years, children and grand-children.

Sadly, it seems we have been let down by the elected representatives and other officials who should have sorted all this out years ago.

It has been left to a small group of volunteers (DIAG) to try to mount a rearguard action against this multi-million pound conglomerate, who can spend £50 million on a power station, (before getting a licence), without blinking an eye, to salvage the future of our beautiful seaside town.

It would be nice to have the comments of Associated British Ports, who have been very quiet while all this is going on, as I think they owe the people of Barry some sort of explanation on why they allowed Biomass UK No 2 to build this totally inappropriate power station so close to the centre of Barry, and effectively sterilise all the proposed regeneration which was supposed to take place in this area.

It would be nice to hear from them.

J Rees, Barry.

Rhoose to decide if the community council should be reinstated

THIS Friday (September 8), the residents of Rhoose will have an opportunity to start the process of restoring the community council, which was abolished some 30 years ago.

A community meeting will be held at 7pm in the Community Hall in Stewart Road. If a minimum of 150 voters attend, a vote will take place and if there is a majority in favour of establishing a council, a community-wide vote will take place in October to decide whether to establish a council in Rhoose.

During the run-up to the local elections in May, views were expressed both for and against the suggestion to establish a council.

The ability to have more direct control over local issues was welcomed, while concerns were raised at the additional cost of another level of government.

It is important that as many people as possible attend the meeting – whether you are for against the proposal.

Once the meeting has taken place, it will be too late to express your views until the vote in October.

Gordon Kemp, Cabinet member for social care, health and leisure, Vale Council.

AM's praise, then closure, for A & E department

I READ with interest, the article where Huw Irranca-Davies AM visited the Royal Glamorgan Hospital which stated that '*he saw first hand the excellent facilities of the A & E department and Emergency Care unit and that this was as a result of Welsh Government investment*'.

What he failed to mention was that this department is due to close down...

The pending closure is of huge concern to the people in the catchment area that this A & E covers.

The wonderful staff that work in this hospital, as pointed out by Mr Irranca-Davies, are already under pressure – this is partly due to the lack of funding, causing staff shortages – but mainly due to the volume of people who have use for this A & E department.

However, with the possibility of a further 460-plus homes within the area, it beggars belief that this closure was even a consid-eration, let alone a reality.

I, along with thousands of others in this area, would ask the Assembly Members to rethink please.

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Jennings Building is officially opened

Bridgend AM Carwyn Jones joined cabinet members from BCBC, developers ABA Holdings, business owners, and representatives from Finance Wales, the Heritage Lottery Fund and Cadw last week, to celebrate the restoration of the Jennings Building.

THE transformation of the historic Jennings Building on Porthcawl seafront has been marked with an official opening event.

Bridgend AM and First Minister Carwyn Jones joined cabinet members from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), developers ABA Holdings, business owners, and representatives from Finance Wales, the Heritage Lottery Fund and Cadw to celebrate the building being brought back to life.

Built in 1832, the Jennings Building was constructed as the southern terminus of the Dyffryn Llynfi Porthcawl horse-drawn tram road, which was used to transport iron and coal from the Llynfi Valley, and was more recently used as an indoor skatepark.

But for the best part of the last decade it had lain vacant, before being transformed by Wales-based developers ABA Holdings after BCBC granted them a long-term lease on the property.

ABA has a track record for restoring listed buildings, having also worked on the Tramshed in Cardiff and Barry's Pumphouse.

It invested £2.5m in the Jennings Building project, and also received support from Finance Wales and Townscape Heritage Initiative Funding provided via BCBC from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Cadw.

With its location next to Porthcawl Marina, the redeveloped Jennings Building now contains three food and drink businesses on the ground floor – a coffee shop, a pizzeria and a 5,000 square foot kitchen-bar and restaurant complete with a full height atrium.

All three operations are open for business, while further businesses will soon join them on the first floor of the building which features 14 'live-work' units with loft bedrooms that will enable occupants to, as the name suggests, live and work on site.

ABOVE: Coun Richard Young (BCBC cabinet member for communities), Simon Baston, Carwyn Jones, Coun Huw David, Coun Dhanisha Patel (BCBC cabinet member for wellbeing and future generations), and Cenydd Rowlands (fund manager, Finance Wales).

All of the units have been allocated, and will be fitted within the next couple of weeks.

Coun Huw David, the Leader of BCBC, said: "ABA Holdings purchased the building with a proposal for a sympathetic development that respected the rich history of the Jennings while ensuring that it could also be brought back into popular public use.

"You only have to look around the building to see that they have succeeded in this aim, and I am delighted that we have been able to support their superb efforts through the Townscape Heritage Initiative.

"I have been particularly impressed by the inclusion of new first-floor units where people can both live and work on site. That's a first for the county borough, and is an inspired move that has enriched the overall potential of the building."

Coun David added: "We are one of just two areas in the whole of the UK to have successfully set up five Townscape Heritage Initiatives, enabling us to focus on the Jennings Building in Porthcawl as being a crucial element of our regeneration plans for the town, as well as refurbishing other nearby landmarks such as the Pilot Lookout Tower and Customs House."

ABA Holdings director Simon Baston said: "We are extremely proud of this project and I would like to thank everyone who has been involved as it has been a real collaborative effort.

"The people of Porthcawl have been really supportive, and it has been a pleasure to restore such a fantastic building next to one of the most photographed lighthouses in the world.

"Through all of our ventures we are keen to support entrepreneurship, and so we deliberately wanted local businesses to be based at the Jennings Building, rather than chains that you can find anywhere, so that it has a unique identity. We are proud that this is the case, and are looking forward to the first businesses moving into the live/work units on the first floor soon."

Speaking at the official opening, Bridgend Assembly Member Carwyn Jones said: "Fifty years ago, the redevelopment of a building such as this would have involved it being knocked down, so it has been great to see this project taken forward with such outstanding results.

"It's incredible to see the work that has been done to retain the building's character and provide somewhere that people can live, work and socialise.

" I'd like to wish the best of luck to all of the businesses that are going to be based here, and I'm sure that this development can help to kick-start other exciting projects in Porthcawl."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Saron Chapel LOTTERY

winners, autumn draw: first prize (£100) Donald Groom; second (£50) Eleanor Roberts; third (£25) Colin David.

St Canna's, Llangan

Reminder: on Saturday, September 9 there is an open day with registers and artefacts on display, I am sure this will be interesting and this is free.

On Sunday, September 24 at St Canna's the annual Harvest Thanksgiving service will be held at 11.15am.

Donations of tins and packets of food will be donated to the foodbanks in the Bridgend area. A warm welcome will be extended to everyone.

Harvest festival

***Treoes Harvest Festival** takes place on Sunday, September 10, at the village hall; call Nadia on 07825 100271, or Bran on 07857 606320, for more information.*

Young At Heart

CLUB meetings resume today (September 7) following the summer recess.

Llangan Primary

CHILDREN are back at school, full of enthusiasm, following their long summer holidays; I am sure the teachers are also.

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Will you find room for Moose?

MOOSE is a 11-year-old Jack Russell terrier. He is a sparky little character, who loves his toys and still gets very excited over his off-lead exercise.

Moose sometimes needs his space where he can have some quiet time to himself, although he would favour living with owners who are around for most of the day, as he is not used to being left by himself.

An adult-only home with no visiting children will be best suited for Moose, so that he can enjoy some peaceful time.

If you would like more information on Moose, visit Dogs Trust Bridgend, CF31 4NG; or call 01656 725219. Also, check out our website www.dogstrust.org.uk. **AS**

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

DEBRA Hamer, who hails from the Vale, had plenty to smile about at Worcester last week after her eight-year-old bay gelding, ShankForAMillion, landed a course and distance hat-trick – when winning the Bet Fred Novices Handicap Hurdle by three lengths from Maximus Maridus.

The rider of long-time leader, Keating, departed company with his mount at the last.

However, opinion was that ShankForAMillion, who went off the 6-5 favourite, and who was well ridden by Richard Patrick, would have won anyway.

TIM'S 16-1 WINNER

Panis Angelicus was a 16-1 winner for Aberthin trainer Tim Vaughan at Newton Abbot last Saturday.

The eight-year-old bay gelding, ridden by Alan Johns, took the Bet TotePlace Handicap Hurdle when beating the favourite On Alberts Head, who had blundered at the last, by four lengths.

Vaughan saddled three of the 13 runners in the race and his Kovera (Richard Johnson) was fourth and his ShesAGangster (James Best) 11th.

Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn also had three runners in the race and he took third place with Aaman who was partnered by James Bowen.

LOOKING BACK ON THE TURF – 1997

Bridgend's Jonathan Tudor, now a leading trainer of point-to-pointers, came in for a spare ride and rode a 12-1 winner, and I also put the national racing scribes and experts on the right course!

'Bridgend butcher Jonathan Tudor came in for a spare ride at the Golden Valley Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases and brought home the bacon when landing the restricted open race on 12-1 chance Ollardale.

Ollardale, which had been pulled up on its two previous starts this season, finished 12 lengths ahead of Derring Ann ridden by west Wales' Dai Jones.

Julian Pritchard, who looks like clinching the national men's point-to-point championship, brought his season's tally of wins to 34 with a treble on Lets Twist Again (Confined), Nether Gobions (Men's Open) and Robero (Maiden Division One).

Nether Gobions came home 12 lengths clear of the Llangibby horse Archer with the Llangeinor mare Doubting Donna, under Jamie Jukes, a further 18 lengths away in third place.

Rip Van Winkle, confidently ridden by leading rider Alison Dare, made it three wins in a row in the Ladies Open race when accounting for Bowland Girl and Howaryadoon. Pip Jones' mount Most Interesting was pulled-up.

Merger Mania, a five year-old described by the experts as "having no sign of ability" and ridden by David Mansell was a 14-1 winner of the second division of the Maiden.

Sea Tarth, which ran in four point-to-points for Pembrokeshire's Fred Luff last season, and who failed to complete the course on each occasion, was a 33-1 winner of the bumper race at Bangor-on-Dee for Fishguard trainer Peter Bowen.'

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

'Brian Lee has put the record straight. It was Chepstow trainer Milton Bradley's Grey Dolphin which was the first horse in the 20th century to achieve 10 chase wins in a season.

However, if the racing experts in the national and regional press were to believed, not to mention television's racing scribes, Stately Home trained by Haverfordwest's Peter Bowen and Lambourn-trained Imperial Vintage - who both have nine wins apiece - are challenging for that very honour.

Last Wednesday, Brian faxed a well-known daily racing paper to inform them that all the racing journalists and racing historians seemed to have forgotten - that during the 1983-84 season, Milton Bradley's Grey Dolphin had won 10 handicap chases.'

'A few days later Brian received a telephone call from the racing paper's statistician informing him that he was indeed correct and that he would do justice to Grey Dolphin by writing an article in the paper listing the horse's achievements along with that of Bradley's Mighty Marine, also mentioned in the fax that Brian had sent to the paper.

During the 1970s, Mighty Marine, a winner of 24 races, won seven consecutive races in the space of five weeks and three days.

Milton Bradley had graduated to the 'sport of kings' after being involved in point-to-point racing for some years and trained that good mare Octroi, a winner of 22 races under Celia Conley.'

Needless to say it was the daily racing paper's statistician that took all the credit for the information I had supplied him.

• *You can e-mail your racing news or views to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone him on 02920736438.*

LADIES ENJOY MEMBERS AND GUESTS' DAY EVENT

THE Cottrell Park ladies member and guests' competition was played on Thursday, August 24 – in glorious sunshine on the Mackintosh course.

Each member invited two guests from other golf clubs to play the course, which was in excellent condition.

There were visitors from 13 other clubs. It was a Stableford competition, with best two out of three scores to count.

The winning team was: member Helen Evans with Margaret Medlow (Pontypridd) and Chris Davies (St Mary's) with a brilliant total of 81 points.

The second team was member Tina Morgan with Linda Ware and Sarah Edworthy (Newport) with 72 points.

The longest drive for the 0-24 handicap category was Margaret Medlow (Pontypridd) and the 25-36 handicap Stephanie Bonnar (St Athan).

Nearest the pin on the 8th Hole was Jan Davies (Royal Porthcawl) and on the 15th Pam Williams (Royal Porthcawl) .

Six ladies earned golf balls with two putts on the greens.

Everyone enjoyed refreshments at the halfway house, sandwiches and cakes with Pimms provided and served by the ladies. This was very successful and much appreciated by all.

The prizes were presented by Jeannette Williams, ladies captain. She thanked every one for coming, the green staff, the catering staff and the lady members for their support.

Margaret Medlow (Pontypridd) gave a vote of thanks to Jeannette and all the lady helpers for a very enjoyable day and she hoped to be invited back next year.

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• Enclosed rear garden
• Two spaces for car parking
• No chain

NEW

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• Semi detached, well presented and maintained
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• Three bedrooms
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BRITISH LION RHYS IS HONOURED AT BRIDGEND ATHLETIC RFC LUNCHEON

Rhys is presented with his Athletic club cap.

Former Bridgend, Wales and British Lion Steve Fenwick.

BRIDGEND Athletic committee members David Davison and Jannean Obbard organised a three-course dinner laid on by Church Village Caterers, at a function to honour the club's second British Lion Rhys Webb.

Ironically, it was held in the room at the Athletic's clubhouse which was once the bedroom of the legendary Wales & British Lion's star Dr Jack Matthews.

The guest speaker was former Bridgend, Wales and British Lion Steve Fenwick, who entertained the guests with tales of his rugby days and friendships with Lions he played with on the 1977 tour of New Zealand. These included Ireland No 8, Willy Duggan, who passed away earlier this week.

This was followed by a question and answer session compered by Rhys's friend and former Athletic wing Chris Harries. Justin Tipuric and Ashley Beck joined Rhys on the panel.

It was good to see three present day stars still associated with their grassroots rugby. Ashley and Justin are still involved in assisting coaching at their junior side Trebanos, while Rhys has long assisted coaching age group rugby, youth and seniors at the Athletic club.

His first son Regan currently plays where Rhys started off for the Athletic under-7's. It is also anticipated his second son Jesse will follow suit in a few years' time.

The whole Webb family are Athletic through and through and were present to see Rhys honoured. His father Paul and uncles Ronnie and Mike all played with distinction for the Athletic. Mike was a founder member of the Athletic, along with other stalwarts Brian Lewis and Phil Rees, who were also present on the day.

His mother Angela and sister Nicole used to prepare players' teas, while younger sister, Chloe, is a current barmaid.

Rhys was part of the Athletic youth team that won the Webb Ellis Youth Cup in 2006 and the same year won a tournament in Italy. Rhys won Welsh U16 and U18 honours with the Athletic, before being part of the U19 squad at the IRB World Cup.

He also played alongside Leigh Halfpenny and Sam Warburton for Wales U20. The club were delighted when he won his first cap against Italy in 2012 and overjoyed when he turned up at the clubhouse following the game.

Rhys then presented the club with the Lions' jersey he wore against the Crusaders in Christchurch. He also donated a pair of his rugby boots, signed photos of himself playing and scoring in the first test match, a signed rugby ball and a pair of shorts, signed by the whole Lions' squad, for a raffle and auction on the day.

To reciprocate, the club presented Rhys with an Athletic cap normally awarded for 300 senior appearances. However, considering all Rhys achieved at the club during his mini, junior and youth playing days and his subsequent ongoing club coaching duties, as well as attending many presentation nights as main awards presenter, it was believed he was worthy to join the exclusive band of Athletic players awarded club caps.

It was great to see Brian Lewis back at the club following illness. Brian conducted the raffle and was not prepared to give up the microphone until he had led a typical old fashioned Athletic singalong to conclude a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon

The club would like to thank Rhys, the organisers and speakers and all the guests who supported this very memorable occasion in the Athletic's relatively short history.

DAVID DAVISON

Vale CC finish their season on a high

VALE CC first XI finished the season with back to back home victories securing fourth position in the league.

This is a big improvement from last season where the side battled for survival in the Thomas Carrol third division.

Captain JP Davies won the toss yet again and chose to bat on a good-looking track. Vale mixed the order for their final game of the season and were very disappointed to have capitulated to a pitiful 151 all out.

There was firm resistance from James Snelson who was promoted to the number three position as he steadied the Vale ship with a well-constructed 50.

Other than Snelson's innings (57) there were few highlights in Vale's batting performance. Notable contributions came from Scott McCutcheon (23) and Matthew Thomas (22).

Asif was the pick of the Pontymister bowlers taking an impressive five wickets but Vale were generous in the way they played him and ultimately should not have given him to the honour of achieving this bowling landmark.

A neutral would certainly have enjoyed Asif's final over as he took four wickets for only one run. Vale concluded at 153 all out.

After tea, supplied by Vale Catering, Vale CC received some stern words from their captain encouraging them to ensure that their bowling display out performers their batting efforts.

Vale openers Alex Upham and Scott McCutcheon bowled aggressively with pace and accuracy. McCutcheon beat the bat many times as was unlucky not to get a wicket in his opening spell.

Young Alex Upham showed his promise as he took the first wicket with the ball of the season as he produced an inswinger that tapped the off stump leaving his victim perplexed.

Roy Cheeseman was the pick of the Vale bowlers as he took 4-24, bowling with consistency as well as the odd bit of turn.

Other wickets were shared between Tom Williams, Alex Davidson and Scott McCutcheon. Backed up by keen fielding and good catching, the visitors were dismissed for 110 in the 38th over.

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The seconds visited Pontymister, and an almost mirror image of the firsts performance played out on a lovely day.

The wicket was firm (although the outfield way too long) and skipper Carl Brooks had no hesitation in batting first when he won the toss.

Paul Sheppard and new opener Gareth Kelland (promoted following his excellent 92 last week) did the hard work of seeing off good opening spells and adding 42 before both surrendering rather meekly having seen off the impressive Luke Short.

Poor shot selection and execution continued until Gethin Merry joined Darren Upham, and played really well before running himself out for a well-crafted 24.

Upham continued to build steadily, before exploding with two sixes, before being bowled for 49 to a shot he would rather forget.

The rest of the innings folded tamely to 143 all out, leaving skipper Brooks fuming and stranded, batting at 11 with more than two overs left.

The skipper's grumpiness seemed to have an effect, as Vale came out after tea and bowled and fielded with focus and intensity.

Two excellent catches by Sheppard and Mark Francis exemplified this, but highlight of the day was an absolute stunner taken by Chris Haskins at point, diving forward, full-length, to grab a firm shot one-handed millimetres from the ground.

Merry was the bowler for this wicket and he proceeded to claim a further three, ending a great all-round season with 4-25.

Upham bowled really well to take 3-13, Glyn Jones was miserly (0-8 off 8) and Jake McNaughton got rid of the dangerous Short for 38. and the Pontymister and Cross Keys innings subsided to 98 all out.

So Vale seconds emulated the senior side, finishing a creditable fourth in the league and the prospects for next season look good.

Vale CC finished the season in style with club members both playing and on playing enjoyed a fantastic curry evening organised by diligent and much appreciated chairman Gareth.

Vale CC would like to thank all members, sponsors, volunteers and opposition for a wonderful season that has been played in a competitive spirit inspired by a desire to play fairly and uphold the values and lessons cricket teaches.

CB

Llantwit Major 10k record was smashed by Sale runner

SATURDAY saw the third annual Llantwit Major 10k, 5k and 1k multi-terrain races in memory of David Synan, a popular local runner who passed away a few years ago.

The event so far has been lucky with the weather, and this year was no exception. On a glorious Bank Holiday Saturday, over 600 runners took part in what turned out to be an exceptionally strong competition.

Entrants came from far and wide to compete with more than 40 athletic clubs represented from all over south Wales and the south west, with a sprinkling from even further afield, *a spokesperson reports*.

One lady arrived shortly after 7am having driven from Exeter, and then pitched in to help set up the finish line. There was an especially big showing from Llantwit Major's very own Major Milers, a fledgling running club barely six months old, and quite a few in their first race having only taken up running this year.

Both the 5k and 10k routes are challenging, taking in the beautiful coastal path and this was the motivation for a lot of entrants. Others entered to challenge themselves, still more ran for their favourite charity. Attracting competitors from all over the country means that runners are coming up against people they may never have raced against before.

Those competing for a top place are compelled to give maximum effort from the start which results in some very quick times.

This year, the 10k course record was broken by Paul Green from Sale Harriers (Manchester) in an astonishing time of 34 minutes and 48 seconds, followed by Daniel Bodman from Aberdare VAAC and Daniel Bishop from Pontypridd Roadents.

The 5k was won by Daniel Cope, followed by Alex Jackson from Rees Runners (who won both the 2015 and 2016 races), with Lantwit Major's very own James Robert-Gilvear in third place.

The ladies' winner for the 10k was Claire Bunce from Swansea Harriers, with Fiona Bussell of San Dominico (Cardiff) and Sharon Leech from Carmarthen Harriers only a few seconds behind. In the 5k Naomi Bewit was the first lady home with Lowri Newman second and Major Milers runner April Havard in third.

The Corporate Challenge was won by the Volunteer Coastguard team who made their run even more difficult by carrying a rescue stretcher and a dummy casualty. Their prize is a cheque for £250, payable to the charity of their choice. Prizes were awarded by the Mayor of Llantwit Major, Jayne Norman, and Mr and Mrs Synan.

Racing culminated with the 1k race, held entirely within the Rugby Club field. Kev Shurmer from Preston, visiting friends in Llantwit Major, asked if he could enter. Not unusual you may think, but Kev has multiple sclerosis and a lot of determination; flanked by a red army of Major Milers he completed the course on crutches unaided and received his medal. An emotional and inspirational ending to a fantastic event.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who took part and made the day such a success, including all of the marshals, the Volunteer Coast Guard, St John Cymru, Welsh Athletics, Llantwit Major Rugby Club, the water point and registration teams, the Vale Council footpaths team, and the residents who cheered on and applauded the runners.

Quite a few mentioned what a boost this support gave them, particularly in the last two kilometres. We are also indebted to all of our event sponsors, including Llantwit Major town council and Harris Pye, all of whom are listed on the event website and FaceBook pages.

The 2018 event is already being planned and will, once again, take place on the August Bank Holiday weekend; write it in your diaries, entries open, May 1, 2018.

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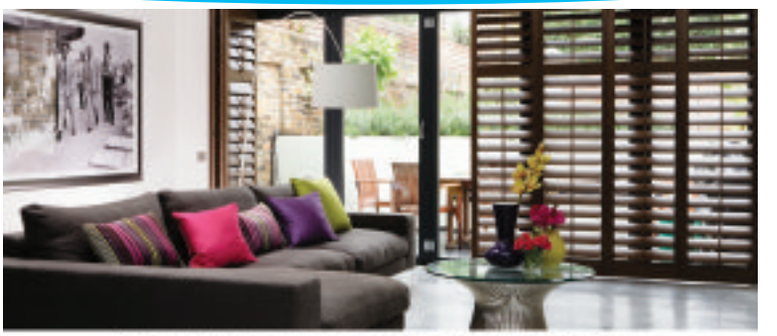

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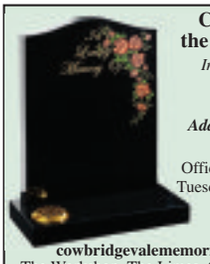
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Family Notices

PRATT
John (Jack)

Passed away on the 3rd September at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Devoted husband to Elsie and a much loved dad to John, Dave, Madeline and Allen, cherished father-in-law, grandfather, and great grandfather.

John will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting at Robert D Johnson Independent Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry until his funeral service at the Vale of Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Monday, 11th September at 2pm. Flowers may be sent to the funeral directors. Enquiries on 01446 733844.

WILTON
John

John Wilton, former youth and community education leader in Barry, passed away on 29 August 2017. Beloved husband to Elaine and much loved dad to Catherine, Daniel and Hannah.

Funeral 11am on Saturday, 9th September at Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Barry.

PUNTER
Beti

Peacefully at Milsom House on Monday, 4th September, aged 91 years. Beloved wife of the late Gwilym, adored mother of Geraint, Delyth and Rhodri. Cherished nain to Cathy, Jamie, Tobias, Phoebe, Daisy, Sebastian and great grandchildren.

Beti will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Cremation at Coychurch Crematorium Friday, 15th September at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if desired, to the Alzheimer's Society at the service or c/o Pen Y Bont Funeral Service, Meadow Street, Bridgend, CF31 1HE. Telephone 01656 650831.

SAUNDERS
David M.B.E

Fell asleep peacefully on 26 August 2017, aged 76 years, David of Evelyn Street, Barry. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth, dad of Karen, David and Julie. Father-in-law of Roger, Tanya and Dave. Loving grandad to Stuart, Carlton and Conor. Also his best friend, the dog Cuba.

David will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

Requiem Mass on Friday, 15 September at St Helen's R.C. Church, Barry, where family and friends please meet at 11.30am, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm. Family flowers only please, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Marie Curie Holme Tower, Bridgeman Road, Penarth.

PROBERT
Jean Eleanor (née O'Brien)

Passed away peacefully on 30th August at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Jean, aged 63 years. Beloved wife of Andrew, loving mother of Rhiannon, Ceri-Sian and Rhys. Cherished nan to Isabella, Celyn and Zacharia.

Jean will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Friday, 15th September, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.45pm.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be made to Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2 Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545.

THWAITE
Gaynor (née Phillips)

Peacefully, after a long illness on 28th August 2017, at home with her family present, Gaynor, aged 62 years. Beloved wife of Chris, much loved mum of Gareth and the late Paul, loved by Michelle and Karen, cherished nan to Chloe, Charlie, Celyn and Ellie.

Gaynor will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Monday, 11th September at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Marie Curie Hospice Penarth c/o the funeral director.

CARVER
Mary Elizabeth

Suddenly but peacefully, Mary, loving wife of the late Gwyn. Much loved sister and Nair to her nieces and nephew.

Will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Wednesday, 13 September at 10.30am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers may be given to Velindre Appeals, Velindre Hospital, Whitchurch, Cardiff.

EDWARDS
Marrianne Sydney
(Formerly Chick) Née Barber.

On August 27th, Marrianne, beloved wife of Liam, loving mother to Alexandra, Nicola, Beverly, Vanessa, James and Catherine. Dear sister to Wendy and adored granny and great granny.

Greatly missed and loved by everyone whose life she touched.

Her funeral will take place at St Peter's Church, Tiverton on Friday, 15th September at 2pm, followed by Taunton Crematorium at 3.30pm.

SUTCLIFFE
Harold (Harry)

Peacefully after a long illness, Harold, loving husband of Joyce, much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, 14 September at 11am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Alzheimer's Society, 16 Columbus Walk, Brigantine Place, Cardiff, CF10 4BY.

MELBOURNE
Peter Victor

Passed away on 27th August, Peter, devoted husband of Marilyn. Much loved dad of Martina, Cheri, Stephen and Evan. Cherished grampy to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Peter will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral service to take place at Cardiff and Glamorgan crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, 12th September at 11am. Flowers may be sent to funeral home, Lyndsey Ellis, The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road Barry.

HORSEY
Pauline Janet

Passed away peacefully on September 3rd, beloved wife of Alan. Dearly loved mother of Julian, much loved mother-in-law of Angharad and devoted grandma (Gu) to Seren.

Will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, September 14th at 2.15pm. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired, to Cancer Research UK *www.cancerresearchuk.org*.

LANGFORD
Julie Simone

It is with great sadness that the family wish to announce her passing at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth. Julie, well known and loved within Barry, aged 36 years and a cherished mum of Curtis, Morgan and Ashton. Loving daughter to Peter and partner Linda, an adored granddaughter of Frances and the late Peter. Devoted partner to Craig. Much loved sister of Samantha, brother James and step sister Karen. A loving niece of Kimberley, James and Michael and cousin of Jacob.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends.

Julie is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at All Saints Church, Park Road, Barry on Friday, 15th September at 1.30pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Immediate family floral tributes only - donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Julie's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are welcome to leave your personal messages and memories. All donations received to support Cancer Research Wales in memory of Julie. Family request colourful clothing be worn to reflect Julie's inspirational personality.

Further enquiries from Lyndsay J Ellis 01446 407962.

Acknowledgements

PUGH
David

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Thank you for all the kind and sympathetic messages which showed appreciation of David.

They have been heartwarming and will sustain us through the months to come.

HAWKINS
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31.8.25 to 3.8.17

Daphne, Gary, Billy, Keith, Linda, Sandra and families would like to thank all who attended their Mum's funeral service.

Thank you for the cards, messages of sympathy and support given to us over the last few weeks and also for the donations to Noah's Ark appeal. Thank you to Father Craig for his words of comfort and support and also for such a fitting service. Thank you Ron of Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Directors for his thoughtfulness and kindness shown. A special thank you to all the staff on ward 19 and other wards at the Princess of Wales Hospital for the care given to mum whilst she was in hospital.

Always loved, never forgotten.

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David Davey
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Happy 70th Birthday
to my darling husband
Steve Portimer-Brown
Friday 8th September
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Birthdays

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Vale Council complete Harbour Road scheme

ABOVE: Vale Council Leader John Thomas is joined by Coun Jonathan Bird, Coun Geoff Cox, and council officers at the newly-opened Harbour Road Causeway.

THE Harbour Road Causeway Scheme has been completed by the Vale of Glamorgan Council, after its final stage saw the car park receive a £250,000 upgrade.

Designed to improve access to the Island for pedestrians and cyclists, the project has seen widespread work take place over a four-year period, initially as part of the Barry Regeneration Programme.

First, access around Friars Point was improved before the Council spent around £1 million to improve traffic flow to the Island by upgrading the road layout at the Ship Inn junction.

Other work has seen the footway widened, railings, lighting and seating refurbished and flood defences enhanced.

The new pedestrian and cycle route connects Old Harbour Road with the rest of the Barry Waterfront network and is already proving popular with walkers, cyclists and runners.

It is part of a sustained period of upgrading work undertaken at Barry Island, which has included significant improvements being made to the Promenade and Gardens.

The development will continue, with the Nell's Point toilet block next in line for some attention.

Coun John Thomas, Leader of the Vale Council, said: "It's great to see this long-term project reach its conclusion, after an extensive programme of works that has seen access to the Island significantly improved.

"We hope people from the Vale and further afield will come and enjoy this new pedestrian and cycle route. That, in turn, can help promote a more active, healthy lifestyle, which we are committed to offering our residents.

"Barry Island has been transformed in recent years and now stands tall as a coastal resort of the very highest standard."

Hindu community's 'fantastic work' in area wins praise

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies addressed the Shree Swaminarayan Temple's 35th anniversary celebrations.

Members of the Vale's Hindu community and others were joined by South Wales Central regional AM, Andrew RT Davies, last week – to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Shree Swaminarayan Temple in Cardiff.

Since its opening, the Shree Swaminarayan has been at the centre of the Hindu Community in south Wales – and is the first and largest Hindu temple in Wales.

Several events were held over the course of the week to mark the celebrations, and Mr Davies described it as a "huge honour and privilege" to be asked to speak.

The Welsh Tory leader said, "The celebrations to mark the 35th anniversary of the Shree Swaminarayan Temple are of huge significance to the Hindu community in the Vale and across south Wales, and I'm extremely proud to have been asked to play a part in it.

"I spoke with people from areas across south Wales, including Penarth, and it was great to learn more about the fantastic work the community does. This includes considerable charitable efforts, which benefit people across the whole area."

Nostalgic sale at the Dolphin

A sale full of nostalgia got under way at the Dolphin Bar on Barry Island this week.

Dolphin owner, Ian Rogers, is selling arcade equipment, and items from the Dolphin bar, in preparation for its sale to Pleasure Park owner Henry Danter.

It will be a poignant moment when Ian closes the doors of the Dolphin for the final time, and says goodbye to the Pleasure Park site.

He explained: "It's very, very sad to be going, because we once had big plans for the Pleasure Park.

"We wanted to do a big re-vamp, with leisure facilities such as a cinema, 10-pin bowling, and apartments."

Delays in planning had led to potential investment drying up, and after a lease deal to bring temporary rides onto the park, it was purchased by Mr Danter.

Ian said: "The aim is now to get out of here as soon as possible and get things empty."

Among the items for sale at the Dolphin, are arcade machines, such as coin-ops, fruit machines and soft-toy grabbers, along with children's rides and novelty signs. There are also catering items such as cutlery and glasses.

Ian's late father Ken is still fondly remembered in Barry. He purchased the Pleasure Park in 1995.

The Dolphin sale continues daily from 10am – until all the items are sold.

'An assurance as safe as houses?' - *READER*

ALONG with many other Cowbridge residents, I attended the Darren Farm PR exercise held at Cowbridge Town Hall last year.

My concerns about this new housing estate were somewhat alleviated at the time by assurances given by the architect working for the developers that the development would aesthetically be in keeping with the rest of Cowbridge – being finished in random stone and rendered with natural slate-effect roofs.

Indeed, all the illustrations on the display boards in the hall at the time were exactly along these lines.

As a matter of interest, I recently looked up the Phase 1 Darren Farm application on the council's planning portal and clicked on the section entitled Materials and Finishes.

To my dismay, I found that the developers are now requesting permission to build nearly half of Phase 1 in red brick, with either red or grey tiled roofs.

I strongly urge anyone who shares my concerns to email the Vale Council's planning department by Sunday, September 10, quoting planning reference 2017/00841/RES regarding this departure from the information we were given at the meeting.

M Lewis, Cowbridge.

A Taylor Wimpey spokesperson said: "We are in ongoing discussions with Vale Council in regard to the material finishes of the homes at Darren Farm.

"No agreements have yet been made, but all materials will be determined in line with the approved design documents."

Battle of Britain memorial service

A Battle of Britain Act of Remembrance and wreath-laying service will take place this Sunday, September 10.

Please assemble at the Cenotaph, The Memo, Gladstone Road, at 11.45am for 12 noon.

If weather inclement, the service will be held in the chapel of A G Adams Funeralcare.

Royal Air Force Association, Barry branch.

LEGAL ADVICE

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale will hold a legal session at Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

If you are over 50 and need advice about a legal matter (other than criminal law) you can have a chat with a local legal team. This session will be held on Tuesday, September 12 from 10am to 12pm; no appointment is needed.

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Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraethg

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/00851/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Creation of a first floor bay window, lowering of an existing window cill and associated alteration work to existing roof pitches
Location:/Lleoliad: Bar 44, 44, High Street, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Cowbridge

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/00689/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Removal of existing ceiling joists to entrance lobby, exposing under side of thatch. Removal of existing decayed floor joists and replacing half the floor area with replacement, exposed joists and floor boards, to create gallery and double height space, exposing under side of thatch
Location:/Lleoliad: The Lodge, Cottrell Park, St. Nicholas
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/00758/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: To north wing roof only: - Replacement of poor / defective / sub-standard lead sheet tapering gutters with new single-ply membrane. - Replacement of 5no. existing poor / defective / sub-standard rooflights with new rooflights. - Replacement of poor / defective rainwater downpipe and hopper arrangement at eastern end of tapering gutter. - Timber roof structures beneath the tapering gutters and associated pitched (natural slate finished) roofs will be repaired. All as detailed on application drawings.
Location:/Lleoliad: Ewenny Priory, Abbey Road, Ewenny
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II*

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/00763/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Roof repairs / replacement
Location:/Lleoliad: Top and North Lodges, UWC Atlantic College, St. Donats, Llantwit Major
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/00841/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig: Phase 1 of the development consisting of 169 dwellings with associated access, roads and footpaths, landscaping, public open space and other ancillary works
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at North West Cowbridge
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting St Brynachs Chuch, Grade II* and the Cross Base in churchyard of St Brynachs Church, Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/00852/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Alterations to existing gated access to provide 4.2m access with replacement gates and additional railings to existing boundary walls.
Location:/Lleoliad: Cwrt yr Ala House, Michealston le Pit Road, Michealston Le Pit
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Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

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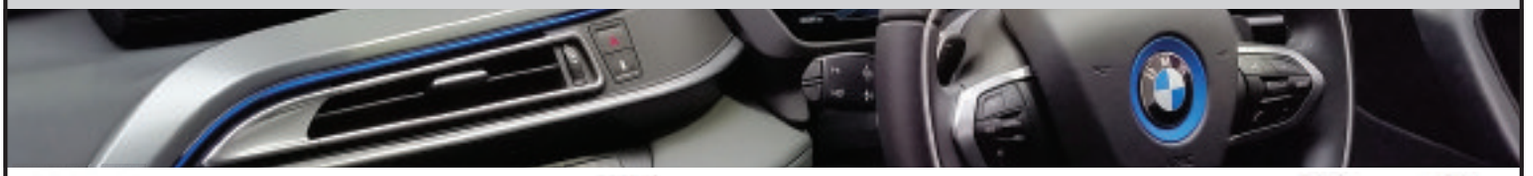

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Butcher Keith carves up the competition

THE monthly meeting for members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held last Thursday at the very popular Creigiau Golf Club.

Renowned for producing a course in excellent condition and also for its superb catering facilities attracted 42 participants all attempting to win one of the many quality prizes supplied by the days generous sponsor Anthony Brown & Co of Llantwit Major.

The days proceedings were dominated by the very familiar shout of 'fore' reverberating around the course proving a constant reminder that many of those competing were having trouble in avoiding not only the many water hazards but also the magnificent trees that surround the fairways of this well maintained parkland course.

As a result 70 balls failed to make the journey home raising £100 for the Llantwit Major Lifeguards and winning a bottle of whiskey for John Flavell, an Australian friend of former society treasurer Reg Davies.

By contrast, retired master butcher Keith James, vice-captain of the society, avoided the hazards to record a winning score of 37 stableford points with 22 of these being accumulated on the back nine including 9 on the last three holes.

Sponsor Mark Brown with winner Keith James and society captain Ray Thomas.

Runner-up with 35 points was society President Geraint Davies whose failure to score on the closing hole proved costly.

Evergreen Aubrey Bowen playing his third round in four days and despite rampant toothache finished in third place with 32 points just ahead of Gareth Perkins also with 32 points.

The guest's section was won by Carl Brown who returned the highest score of the day with a very impressive 39 points followed by David Vaughan with 38 points.

Nearest the pin on the par-3 holes were Geraint Davies, John Thomas, David Vaughan and veteran John Davies who all returned home with mouth-watering homemade steak pies courtesy of the recently re-opened Golden Mile Restaurant in Corntown.

Wyndham Abbott hit the longest drive down the selected hole to collect the Watts & Morgan sponsored longest drive prize.

Members of the society are now looking forward to their annual tour starting today September 7 to The Forest of Arden in Warwickshire where they will playing 54 holes over three days for the David Evans (Agriculture) Ltd Trophy.

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Vale Senior Football League round-up

IT was mid-week mayhem in the Vale League, with a full fixture list that saw more twists and turns at this very early stage of the season.

The Premier Division was blown wide open already, with teams taking points off each other. Barry Athletic had won their opening two games, but it was Penarth Town who inflicted their first defeat and, in the process, leapfrog Athletic to go top of the league after a 4-3 victory.

FC Barry Belgrade bounced back after their weekend defeat with a 3-1 win away against Rhoose. Island Marine sent Cowbridge Town to the bottom of the league with a 2-1 win, but at this early stage of the season, three points separate top and bottom, highlighting the competitiveness of the league.

In Division One, Sully Sports kept their perfect start to the season intact with a 3-1 derby victory over Cogan Coronation.

Tynewydd secured a big 3-1 win over Cardiff Airport to remain unbeaten, while Cwm Talwg thumped Cadoxton Imps 5-2.

Barry Saints played out a thrilling 4-4 draw with Cadoxton Athletic while Penarth B got their first win of the season in emphatic style with 5-1 victory over SP Billy.

In Division Two, Cadoxton Barry made it three from three as they edged Rhoose B 3-2. Llantwit Major romped to a 5-2 derby win over St Athan B and are the only other side with a one hundred per cent record but played one game less than the leaders.

BRT Dynamos went second with 3-1 triumph over Island Marine while BV conceded eight for the second game in a row as Vale Madrid demolished them 8-1 and finally Barry Albion got their second win on the bounce with a 2-1 away win over Glenbrook.

There are no league fixtures in Wales this weekend due to the Welsh international match, so the Vale League takes a weekend off, returning on September 9. Check back here for the full league round-up.

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The Vale of Glamorgan Pool League round-up

THE Glenbrook Wanderers played their first away game at O'Briens.

It was a match played in good spirit with some great banter from both teams. Man of the match Jones won four out of four while Mags Bartle was unlucky not to have a 100 per cent record going in off the black in her first game.

Nick Taylor also impressed, winning three out of four games and the Wanderers travelled home with a 10-2 win.

For the third week running the Libs were involved in a 7-5 match, losing narrowly to the Castle. The star player for the Libs was James Bestow who won all four of his matches, with Brian Harris and Ralph Miners playing well for the Castle Dark Lords, but their stand-out player was again Gavin Rowlands who continues to play a positive potting game - well done.

Millwood Potjacks entertained the Ship Hotel who quickly sailed into a 3-1 lead; the first pairs were shared one each and things appeared to be on an even keel.

The Ship soon drifted out of sight winning the next round of singles 3-1 to lead the match 7-3.

The final pairs were again shared and a deserved 8-4 win for the Ship.

A special mention for Graham Avient who in frame nine broke and dished. Both captains reporting a great evening of pool, good company and good banter.

The Witchill Whackers, captained by county captain James Hill, beat their pub rivals Witchill Wrong'uns 8-4 with county players Jamie Stanton, Steve Watkins and Ceri Morris shining for the Whackers.

The stand-out players for the Wrong'uns were Paul Everest and Lawrence Klee. The Whackers lead the table and are now favourites to win the league.

Finnegans hosted Billy United over the Island. The Billy started brightly and took a 3-0 lead and then found themselves 6-1 up.

What happened next was truly remarkable; Kane Grindley, Ian Doel and Harry Asprou would win the next three singles matches, with Spencer Beard and Grindley winning the first pairs to make the score 6-5, what a comeback!

Les Ashton and Gary Roberts would win the last frame and give the Billy a 7-5 win.

In Cadoxton the King William IV would outplay the Borough winning 9-3 with Neil Tipples again man of the match with Geoff Froud again performing well to win three out of four matches. The Borough's standout player was again Sara Hayles.

The Barry Islanders county side have their last home league game of the season against the youthful Carmarthen team the Dragons Kiss, with promotion almost assured with a home win.

Captain James Hill can then look forward and plan their County Cup away match against Pembrokeshire Black Widows, a two hour drive to Haverfordwest to enjoy.

Win that game and they are through to finals day. What a first season for James and the team.

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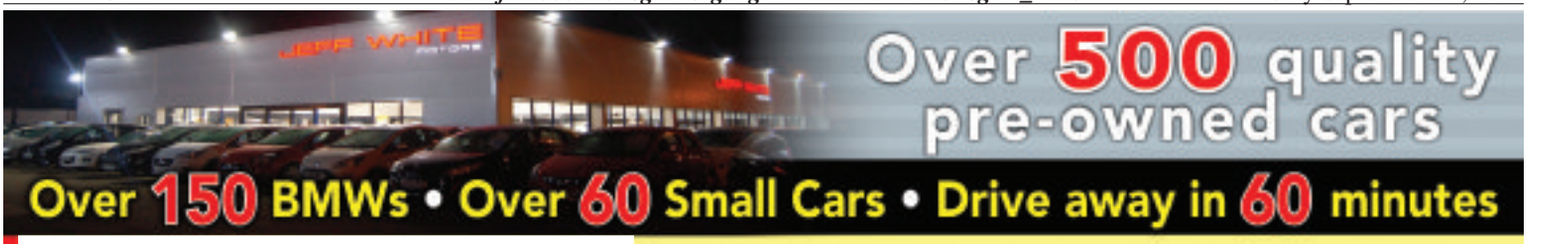

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13 63 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr, M Sport Plus package, 19"alloys, sat nav, 38k, white, full leather **£16995**
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15 15 CITROEN DS3 1.6 E-HDI Airdream Dstyle Plus 3dr, Citroen warranty April 2018, 17"alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, white

14 14 BMW X6 XDrive 4.0 D 5dr auto (306bhp), widescreen sat nav, dynamic pack, reverse camera, 20"alloys, rear third seat, electric heated memory seats, dynamic pack, 21k, full leather, choice

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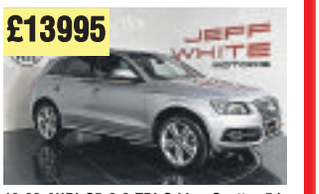

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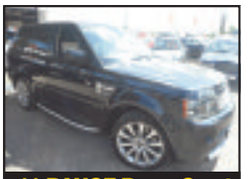

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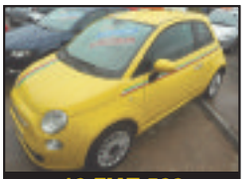

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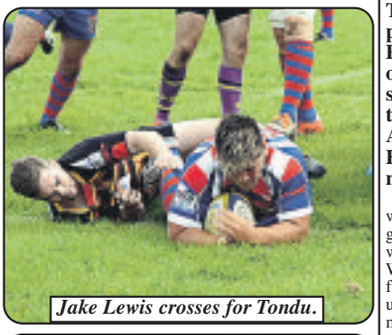
TONDU RFC ARE OFF TO WINNING WAYS AGAINST MAESTEG

Sam Grabham in the thick of the action.



Jake Lewis crosses for Tondu.

Josh Tatchell passes to Sam Grabham.
Photos by ***GARETH ANTHONY.***

Cary Davies outsprints the Maesteg defence.

FROM the outset of this game, the Division One newcomers of Tondu were clearly the sharper side but despite the early dominance and almost total control up front, it was Maesteg who took the lead midway through the first half with a Tadgh McGuckin penalty.

The forward dominance from the visitors soon put the them in control when Tondu were awarded a deserved penalty try.

Five minutes later, further forward pressure resulted in hooker Jake Lewis crashing over for Tondu's second, and Tatchell added the conversion to make it 14-3 to the visitors.

There was worse to come for the home side when the rampant Tondu pack won another penalty try on the stroke of half-time which made it 21-3 at the break.

Tondu really should have sealed the game in the first 15 minutes of the second half but little errors denied them and instead, a break downfield by an under-pressure home side resulted in a try for full-back Simon Evans.

McGuckin added the conversion to give the home side some encouragement, and when Evans produced a moment of brilliance a few minutes later to score his second try, the game looked a totally different affair.

McGuckin again converted to make it 17-21 going into the final 10 minutes. The passive scrums called by the home side most certainly helped their cause in the final quarter, but justice was done when Tatchell landed a last gasp penalty to make sure Tondu's return to the division was a winning one.

Head coach Matthew Tatchell said: "With the opening game of the season being a local derby, I am obviously very pleased with the away win and in particular the performance."

Tondu Seconds beat Bridgend Sports 25-18 at Bandstand Field.

MIKE SULLY

Four-try Asprea sparks promoted Porthcawl's demolition of Neath

THE new season for promoted Porthcawl kicked off in sensational style, with a 76-5 thumping of Neath Athletic at Cwrt Herbert, securing maximum points.

The Seaweeds started well, with the pack getting going early and when hooker Jack Williams finished off a fine move with an unconverted try after five minutes, all looked well.

The home side seemed intent on matching the visitors and with a loose ball offering the chance, home centre James Williams was on it like a flash to kick through and score the try; unconverted.

However, as the Seaweeds started to take control, a superb midfield break by Gareth Rees from Jon Phillips' sublime delayed pass saw the ball recycled wide for wing Jack Power to storm over at the corner for 5-10 on 22 minutes.

Phillips himself was next on the score sheet with a great try from 55 metres, as Josh White's pass put him clear and outpaced the covering defence. White converted at the posts for 5-17.

By now, the Porthcawl forwards were at full tilt, and skipper Richard Hnyda, who was prominent throughout, finished off a superb 70-metre move to score the try for White to improve at 5-24.

Porthcawl flanker Ben Asprea then took a hold on the match with the first of an incredible haul of four personal tries, which White converted, before Nick Nutman made the space for Jack Williams to get his try brace, again converted by White for 5-38 at the half-time break. It was a long way back for Neath.

The Phillips and Rees axis in Porthcawl's midfield was very quickly back into gear within two minutes of the resumption, the former again feeding the latter who scored for his first try, converted by White and 5-45.

The match had ended as a contest and it was a matter of just how many points Porthcawl would score.

Nutman got his rewards for a workmanlike afternoon, with a try converted by White as the Seaweeds passed the half-century at 5-52, before Asprea pounced on a loose pass, the kick through to his second, White again adding the extras, 5-59.

With possession almost constant, the quality of Porthcawl's running rugby saw Asprea cap an almighty afternoon for him with two tries in quick succession, thanks to his unsurpassed instinct for being where the ball was! White converted both at 5-69.

The match concluded when Phillips again used his experience and guile to put Rees skipping through for his brace try, converted by White and a final score of 5-76.

This win will be remembered for an incredible performance, with Ben Asprea's four - try haul and the relentlessness of Porthcawl's attack and defence.

It was just the start Porthcawl wanted and coach Rhys James was delighted but realistic, as a much stiffer test awaits as early as this coming Saturday, when Pyle visit South Road – for what could potentially be the division's match of the day.

Good win for Bridgend Sports under-12s

BRIDGEND Sports RFC under-12s paid a visit to Treharris for their first game of the new season.

Treharris are a new side on the fixture list this year and the club proved to be excellent hosts who had a positive approach to encouraging young players from both sides, as they grappled with a host of new laws in their next step of graduating to a full 15-a-side game.

It may have been a fresh and positive early start to the new season for all, with only the weather conditions conspiring to providing a slight negative, as heavy rain fell throughout most of the game.

The rain played a part in stifling running rugby as a few passes went to ground in the slippery conditions.

The home side kicked off, the Sports received the ball and declared their attacking intent early on, as the ball was passed in field to Mackenzie Dent. He charged straight back into the opponent's half.

Some good early ruck play from the Sports served up good possession for the backs to have a couple of early runs. The greasy conditions resulted in a couple of knock-ons to keep play confined within the Treharris 22 metre area of the field.

Treharris attacked deep from a scrum but made little ground as first defence from the Sports forced a knock on.

From the scrum, the Sports moved the ball across the pitch one way then the other with Callum Lewis, Tom Chick and Iestyn John combining well before Efan Dyer took a direct route through the home defence, only for the attack to fail five metres short of the line.

The Sports were awarded a penalty and moved it to Iestyn John on the blind side; he made good ground before being forced to touch.

Treharris attempted to run with the ball from the lineout, only to lose possession on the 10 metre line. Cian John saw space and combined with supporting players, the ball was moved wide to Joel Rogers who made good ground.

The forwards continued the attack to secure a scrum. From the scrum, outside half Cian John saw an opportunity to beat the home defence and fend off the last defender to break the first half deadlock.

Treharris attacked in the closing stages of the half but they could not break down the Sports defence, with Harri Williams, Callum Lewis, Mackenzie Dent, Megan Lewis and Tom Chick all prominent.

Leading 0-5, Bridgend Sport' confidence grew and 10 minutes into the second half they put some good phases of play together as the team showed hunger for the ball and a determination to run and retain possession.

Megan Lewis and Mackenzie Dent made good ground in one attack before passing to Dylan Morgan, who switched play then he passed along the back line, only for the final pass to go to ground a couple of metres short of the line.

Treharris opted to kick to relieve the pressure, Joel Rogers fielded the kick on the halfway line, set off on a run before passing to his fellow winger Tom Chick, who used his pace to beat the covering home side defence, to extend the Sports lead to 0-10.

Five minutes later, Joel Rogers was rewarded as some good forward play took the Sports into the home team's half. Some nice handling saw the winger put into space and he used it well to race in and score under the posts. Cian John added the conversion.

Treharris had the last say with a try right at the end of the game, as their scrum half attacked down the blindside and raced in to make the final score 5-17.

Both teams played the game in great spirit and Sports' Abi Davies Jones enjoyed a fine debut at scrum-half.

New players are always welcome at the Sports; training is at the Bandstand Field every Wednesday between 6.45pm and 8pm.

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Llantwit reserves win local derby

LLANTWIT MAJOR reserves came out victorious in a tough battle against a strong St Athan B side.

With St Athan first team not having a fixture, many of their players became available to cause the Major problems, they did just that within 30 seconds with a quick goal. Five minutes later, it was 2-0 to the Saints as the long ball caused problems.

Chris Vinson soon got Llantwit on the scoresheet with a burst on the wing, to slot the ball around the stranded keeper. Llantwit then levelled the score, making it 2-2. Andy Shaw calmly passed the ball in the net after sending the keeper the other way.

Llantwit, with their tails up, started to dominate the game with numerous chances pestering the Saints' keeper. Finally they took the lead after another Gethin Jennings' screamer, which confirmed the remarkable comeback from being 2-0 down.

Before half time, the front two of Max Morgan and Rob Kemp, helped the Major create chances – with Shaw doubling his tally as the defence were unable to withstand this Major pressure.

Halftime saw St Athan fight back, to press Llantwit on the ball, while piling pressure on their defence. Phill Grafton helped the Major keep their two-goal lead with important challenges, to break up play in front of the back four.

With Llantwit keeping it tight at the back, they were able to counter anything that the Saints had to offer with three 1v1s which went wide.

Finally, Llantwit got the well deserved fifth, Sam Mawhinney put Chris Vinson through yet again, to send the Major away with a comfortable win.

End result: St Athan 2, Llantwit Major Reserves 5.

Team: *Davies, Tracey, Coyle, Cutter, Garrett, Vinson (2), Jennings (1), Grafton, Shaw (2), Kemp, Morgan.*

Substitutes*: Mawhinney, Pilcher, Callard, Kempson, Dawson.*

BRIDGEND BRIDGE CLUB ROUND-UP

RESULTS of recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club were as follows:

August 30: First, John Henson and Geoff Tinkler; second, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham; third, John Beard and Liam Sheridan.

The winners on handicap were John Henson and Geoff Tinkler.

August 31: First, Paul Lyne and Teresa Griffiths; second, Sheila Gass and Marjorie Halley; third, Dilys Bowser and Stewart Norton.

The winners on handicap were Paul Lyne and Teresa Griffiths.

September 1: First, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; second, Debbie and Simon Richards; third, Jane Brook and Wendy Williams.

The winners on handicap were Vida Halford and Glyn Halford.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesdays and Fridays at Norton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

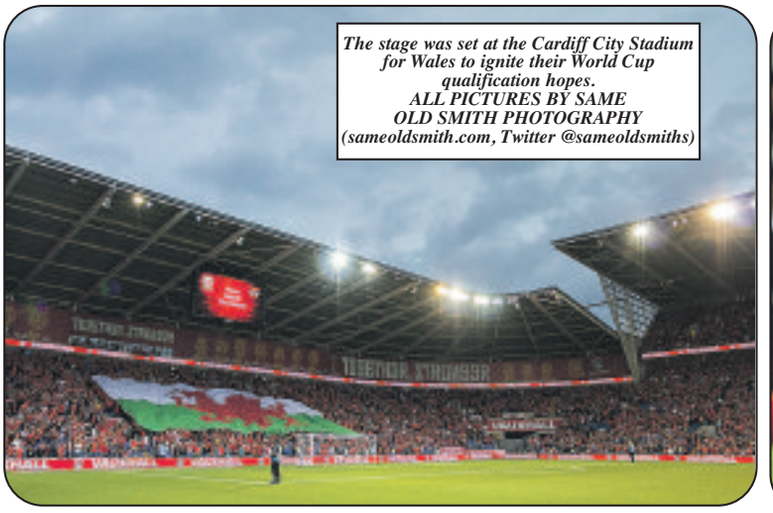
On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Norton church hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

There will be a new series of lessons for beginners on Wednesdays from 4pm until 6pm starting on September 13, again in Norton church hall.

For further information about the lessons, and any other club activities, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372, or David Newman on 01656 649138.

TWO GAMES, TWO WINS... WALES BACK ON TRACK!

Woodburn's magic ignites Wales' World Cup hopes



The stage was set at the Cardiff City Stadium for Wales to ignite their World Cup qualification hopes. ALL PICTURES BY SAME OLD SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY (sameoldsmith.com, Twitter @sameoldsmiths)

by GARETH JAMIESON

BACK in June, after a battling, Gareth Bale-less, Welsh side earned a hard-fought point in Serbia, the mood was less of celebration and more one of contrition.

Yes, travelling to the group's leaders and coming back with a draw, especially when you're without your talismanic attacking force, was a superb result, but when it's your fifth draw in six games, and you're still adrift of the top two in your qualifying group, then the positives feel a little less satisfying.

It all meant that September's double header of fixtures, at home against Austria and away to Moldova, took on the air of 'last-chance saloon'.

Failure to take maximum points from these two games, regardless of events elsewhere, would almost certainly mean the end of Welsh World Cup hopes; six points from six points, however, and the light at the end of the Group D tunnel would be that much brighter.

After Tuesday night the group looked even better than most would have expected, Wales' two wins coupled with the Republic of Ireland taking one point from their two games meant Chris Coleman's team now sit in second place with two games to go, the last one being against Ireland at home, their fate now squarely in their own hands.

The turnaround started Saturday night, in front of yet another bumper crowd at the Cardiff City Stadium, with Wales, boosted by the Republic of Ireland's draw against Georgia, knowing a win would get them to within two points of Martin O'Neill's second-placed team, and their own qualifying campaign back on the right track.

If they began with the fervour and passion of a team determined to hit the ground running then they were soon pegged back by Austria's ability to control possession and dictate the game.

Threatening, albeit from distance, the visitors saw several chances spurned, the best falling to Arnautovich who should have done far better with his opportunity, and it was Chris Coleman's men who were the more relieved to go in at half-time level.

Needing a better foothold in the game, Coleman changed from the 3-5-2-1 formation that had seen Sam Vokes toiling up front, and changed to a more direct 4-3-3, Jazz Richards being sacrificed for Andy King, who would bring stability to the midfield and allow Bale and Tom Lawrence more opportunity to get forward, the absence, through suspension, of Joe Allen to break up Austria's monopoly of possession more than apparent.

The formation change gave Wales a boost, but the pivotal moment of the game – and maybe the campaign – came in the 69th minute, as Vokes and Lawrence were replaced by Hal Robson-Kanu and Liverpool youngster Ben Woodburn, making his Welsh debut.

Aaron Ramsey was in the thick of it for Wales against Austria.

It's too early to say a superstar is born, but 17-year-old Ben Woodburn was the catalyst for Wales' two wins, pictured here scoring, and then celebrating, his goal against Austria.

If the effort and will to win was exemplified by Bale's last-ditch tackle as an Austrian attacker bore down on goal, then just minutes later it shone through from the stand to the pitch.

The singing of the Welsh national anthem during the game began in that incredible 1-0 win against Belgium two years ago, a way to motivate and raise the flagging spirits of the players, and as it echoed around the stadium the ball fell to the feet of 17-year-old Woodburn.

Showing composure and awareness that belies both his age and experience, Woodburn looked up and struck the ball cleanly with his right boot, the ball flying past Austrian keeper Lindner into the back of the net, and sending Wales into absolute raptures.

Coleman's faith in the boldness of Woodburn's youth paid dividends, and if Austria fancied their chances of pegging Wales back, then they were given short shrift by the team's defensive effort.

In fact it was Wales who should have comfortable put the game to bed, Robson-Kanu selfishly blasting over when Bale was free and unmarked, before hitting the post with another effort, and Bale was denied as his outrageous overhead kick was saved by Lindner.

It wasn't always pretty, and certainly not easy, but it was a vital and important win, one that set up the trip to Moldova on Tuesday night.

Wales had never previously won in Moldova, a statistic that proved sobering to those still high on the fervour of Saturday, and were certainly not going to be in for an easy ride from the hosts.

In fact, much like Saturday night Wales huffed and puffed at the Moldovan defence only for the final ball or shot to be laking in quality.

Moldova, for their supposed minnow status, had a few opportunities of their own but the scoreline, much like Friday, was 0-0 at half-time. While some fans would boo their team off were they goalless against a smaller nation, the mood seemed to be one of optimism, that the breakthrough was coming, yet the second half again saw Wales get themselves in good positions only to waste the final effort.

It was the arrival of Woodburn again that seemed to galvanise the team, the space that Gareth Bale so frequently used to exploit being given to the teenager, and his run down the left wing with 10 minutes to go was followed by an inviting ball into the box.

It wasn't the cleanest header Hal Robson-Kanu is ever likely to make, but it did the job, beating the Moldovan keeper and easing Welsh nerves.

Aaron Ramsey's deflected effort added the cherry on top in injury time, the 2-0 win hardly vintage but it did the job, and, crucially, with Serbia beating the Republic of Ireland in Dublin to seemingly ensure top spot, allowed Wales to leapfrog the Irish into second place going into the final round of games.

With Wales currently the worst second-placed team of the groups, at least four points will be needed from the last two games to both ensure second place and, hopefully, be one of the eight teams that contest the play-offs for the World Cup finals.

Top spot isn't out of the question, but with Serbia requiring a win from their last two games it's likely to be the play-offs should Wales do what they need to.

The two wins have injected a new sense of positivity amongst the squad and the public, knowing that their fate is in their own hands, something that Coleman would likely have taken at the start of the qualifying group, and probably would have bit your hand off had it been offered in June!

Also the emergence of Ben Woodburn has been a huge fillip, the youngster still in the very early stages of his career but who has shown flashes of brilliance in the opportunities he's had, the catalyst, arguably, for these two fine results.

While the over-the-top praise that has been excitedly handed out has been a little too much, there is no doubt that if managed correctly Woodburn will be a huge force for club and country going forward, and has certainly put his name in the hat for next month's crucial double-header.

Wales' World Cup fate lays squarely in their own hands now, the door to Russia a little bit more ajar – let the nail-biting commence!